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City brokers stage revolt over plans for electronic trading system

London stock market chief is dismissed

BY MELVYN MARCKUS AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

MICHAEL LAWRENCE, the £342,000-a-year Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange, was dismissed yesterday after a revolt by several powerful stockbroking

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The reason given by the Stock Exchange for the abrupt and unexpected dismissal of Mr Lawrence was a "loss of confidence". John Kemp-Welch, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, admitted that the departure of Mr Lawrence, the second chief executive to be sacked in two and a half years, was "undoubtedly a setback", although he hoped

this would prove "temporary". Mr Lawrence is understood to have been informed of the decision at a meeting with Mr Kemp-Welch which lasted less than half an hour yesterday morning. Mr Lawrence receives a basic salary of £240,000 and enjoys a one-year service contract. He received a £100,000 performance bonus last year.

Mr Kemp-Welch, the former senior partner of Cazenove, the City's most prestigious stockbroking house, will chair the Stock Exchange's executive commitpending the appointment

of Mr Lawrence's successor. Late last November, Mr Lawrence disclosed plans for the Stock Exchange to press ahead with the introduction of an electronic "order matching" system of share trading, despite bitter opposition from City market making firms. Mr Lawrence described the

development as a "very impor-

tant step for the Stock Exchange and for London as a financial centre" but it is no secret that his enthusiasm for competitive styles of trading was not shared by many Stock Exchange firms.

Major market making firms such as BZW, an offshoot of Barclays Bank, and Smith New Court, recently acquired by Merrill Lynch, the US stockbroking combine, had waged a campaign against electronic "order matching".

It is believed that a delegation of Stock Exchange board members met Mr Kemp-Welch on Wednesday evening and delivered an ultimatum to the Stock Exchange chairman. The delegation is understood to have been drawn from the Stock Exchange's Senior Ap-pointments and Remuneration Committee

Mr Lawrence, a former Finance Director at Prudential, the insurance company, was appointed in Febuary 1994 after the previous chief executive, Peter Rawlins, resigned following the £400 million Taurus trading system

Mr Lawrence said last night: "I am disappointed to leave but I am happy with the programme of major initiatives and the excellent executive team. But the reforms must be allowed to continue unabated." Negotiations over compensation will start shortly. The Exchange has not ruled out the possibility that Mr Lawrence could receive a bonus for this year. Last night his country home in

Cookham, Berkshire, which has a tennis court and swimming pool, his wife, Maureen, said: "He just came back at 4.30 this afternoon and said. 'I've been sacked. That's it'. I did not get much chance to speak to him about it, because he had an engagement this evening and had to go out." Born into a lower middle

class family in Harrow, North London, Mr Lawrence came from neither of the City's traditional backgrounds working class and streetwise. or blue chip. He was educated at Watford grammar school and Exeter and Bristol universities, taking a first class degree in physics and a PhD in mathematical physics.

He became an accountant and was the Prudential Corporation's finance director when offered the Stock Exchange job at the age of 50. He and his wife run a private aviation company and private property group. He sails with his family and drives a red Aston Martin which he bought from Rowan Atkinson, the

meeting Mr Kemp-Welch said: "While Mr Lawrence's departure reflects the loss of confidence in him by the board, it does not imply any change in the Stock Exchange's policy. Our objective is to be the market of choice. To achieve that, we have a large programme of work in train and this will be pursued vigorously." Mr Kemp-Welch emphasised that a steering committee had been formed to



Michael Lawrence back home in Cookham, Berks, after his sudden dismissal

oversee the implementation of the decision taken at the Stock Exchange board meeting of 30 November, 1995 regarding the structure and regulation of the markets. That decision provides for the Exchange's service to include full electronic trading and order matching.

It was the Exchange's decision to press ahead with establishing a system of trading shares according to the number of orders placed rather than the existing system where dealers are forced to give a price before they know

the size of order, that has proved particularly damaging to Mr Lawrence. Market makers have warned that it is a threat to the market's liquid-

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Blair's low tax pledge to businesses in Far East

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR today promised foreign investors low taxes and low inflation in a Labourrun Britain.

In his most audacious move yet to capture the Conservative mantle for economic competence, Mr Blair told Far East business leaders that a Labour government would be better placed than the Tories to keep Britain internationally competitive and an attractive in-

vestment prospect.
It would back free trade, keep economic policy tight and disciplined, avoid the boomand-bust policies of the 1980s and regard low inflation as the "essential prerequisite"

long-term investment. He pledged that Labour's tax rates would be aimed not merely at keeping highly skilled workers but attracting them. Promising that there would be no repeal of the main trade union legislation passed by the Conservatives, Mr Blair said it was no part of his role "to switch the clock back to the 1970s".

Mr Blair promised a more positive attitude towards the European Union and, a week after the defection from the Tories of Emma Nicholson. underlined his own belief in the politics of one nation. The new era of opportunity must not divide societies into two. with a secure and prosperous top half and undereducated. unskilled bottom half.

The Labour leader used a speech early today in Tokyo to the Keidanren, Japan's equivalent of the Confederation of British Industry, to underline that Britain's potential as a home for investors would be enhanced rather than diminished under Labour because of its plans for investment in reskilling and educating the workforce. His aim, and that of Gordon Brown, the Shadow

Chancellor, who is touring the

United States, is to bury the image of state interference that has dogged previous Labour administrations.

Just staying on the right side of the convention that Opposition leaders should not criticise the British Government while abroad, Mr Blair said the possibility that there would be a Labour government in Britain, possibly within months and certainly by the middle of next year, was real.

"If the British people decide that the baton should pass to us, it goes without saying that in my view this will be of benefit not just to Britain but the wider world.

Stating that he wanted Labour to be seen as the party of business, Mr Blair emphasi-

Peter Riddell Welfare reforms Leading article.

sed that some of the changes made by the Conservatives in the 1980s to dismantle the barriers to competition were there to stay. But now a new approach, a second era of change was needed. To compete in the world countries had to invest in new capacity but also in the flexibility of its people. The economics of the next century would be dominated by countries that saved. invested and innovated

David Willetts, the Public Service Minister, said it was "bit rich" for Mr Blair to promise the Japanese they had nothing to fear. While he was making reassuring noises his spokesmen were ranting against privatisation and demanding state intervention and spending, all things that would put off foreign investors.

Two held after teenager dies

Police have arrested two men in connection with the killing of teenager Anthony Erskine. who was kicked to death by a gang of youths after going to the aid of his father. Officers broke into a house near the teenager's home in Stratfordupon-Avon to detain them. The dead teenager's twin brother spoke yesterday of the family's grief and outrage at

South Africans take Test series

England's latest batting collapse cost them the final Test, bling South Africa to take the five-match series. England were all out for 157 and South Africa, needing only 67 to win. got the runs without losing a

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Thatcher joins attacks on **RAF's Gulf War tactics**

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher has joined Britain's Gulf War commander in criticising the RAF's low-level bombing tactics during the 1991 conflict.

Lady Thatcher who was no longer Prime Minister at the

start of the coalition air campaign in January 1991, has disclosed that the loss of air crew deeply upset her and she had raised the matter with ministers.

In a four-part BBC docu-mentary starting this Sunday and marking the fifth anniversary of the Gulf War, she says: They had to go in low and we were losing a pilot a night. I got very upset and said that there's something wrong with the way we are doing this, and let those views be known." Her comments echoed those of General Sir Peter de la Billière, the British forces commander in the Gulf, who says in the documentary that he was overruled when he tried to stop the low-level bombing. He told the Ministry of Defence: "I don't want to go on doing it."

Yesterday, angered by the criticisms of the bombing tactics, RAF chiefs called a press conference to deny the allega-tions that they had wasted lives by continuing with the low-level raids. Four Tornados were lost in five nights of low-level bornbing, with four members of the crews killed and four taken prisoner.

Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, who was the UK air commander in the Gulf War, denied that he had been ordered by the Defence Ministry to carry on with low-

level bombing raids, despite the heavy losses. Sir William. who is now Commander-in-Chief RAF Strike Command, said he had been in touch with Sir Peter about the allegations. He said: "We were not held at low-level for longer than I as air commander felt we should be. I was not forbidden from changing anything. Low-level attacks stopped when we wanted them to."

He also said that, although he was always concerned about casualties, the losses on the first nights of the air campaign had not played a part in the decision to stop low-level bombing which was made after it became clear that the Lraqis were not going to launch large-scale air raids. That made it unnecessary to Continued on page 2, col 4

Killing of head: boy is arrested

POLICE were last night ques-tioning a 15-year-old schoolboy in connection with the murder of Philip Lawrence, the west London headmaster who was stabbed when he went to protect a pupil being attacked by a gang of youths outside his school (Stewart Fendler writes).

The arrest in Kentish Town was made after intensive investigations in north London. These centred on a gang thought to include young Filipinos, but police refused yesterday to confirm details of the boy or his background.

The boy is not a pupil of St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale where Mr Lawrence, 48, was the headmaster. The school reopened yesterday and a spokesman said that children were coping well over the violent death of their head.

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Scientists spend £750,000 on fruit pastilles

By KATE ALDERSON

AFTER 115 years of sweet-making scientists have been called in, with the aid of £750,000, to discover the secret behind the chewy Rowntree fruit pastille. Nestle's York-based research centre

and the Applied Biology department at the city's university have joined forces in an attempt to find out just what makes the pastille, and other "secret" food products, taste so good. The pastille derives from a recipe in 1881 and was developed by trial and error. But now a

team of scientists are investigating how the pastille achieves its texture. In the process it is being subjected to "nuclear magnetic resonance" and "capillary electrophoresis", as well as microsampling. to study the pastille's biopolymer mixtures - starches, pectins and gelatins and how they react with each other and

Dr Steve Whitehouse, a senior scientist at Nestlé, said the making of the fruit pastille was an historical confectioner's art. "This project enables us to look at the process closely and achieve a greater understanding. We are not looking to change the sweet but any product is forever under review with the object of

improving it."

Dr Julian White of York University, said Unilever and three other companies were involved in the research, which is part-funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

"This is not simply about the pastille," he said. "But by understanding the science involved, various food producers will be able to develop different types of food with different types of texture.



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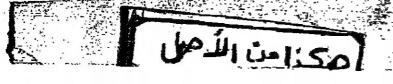
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Blair plays new economy card to trump Tory appeal

TONY BLAIR is determined not to be out-manoeuvred by its high tax and spending the Tories on the economy. His Tokyo speech is designed to counter the Tories' attempt to portray themselves as the only party that can ensure that Britain is internationally competitive - the enterprise centre of Europe in the oftenrepeated refrain of the past few months.

Ministers argue that, however clumsy, this is a unifying the Tories from Labour, with past and support for a minimum wage and the European social chapter. The election will, on this view, turn on which party offers the best chance of competing with the 'Asian tigers". Mr Blair's attempt to

trump this appeal is startling to anyone accustomed to the The globalisation of the world economy is seen as

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both inevitable and desirable. Not only is inward invest-ment embraced, but the Labour leader warns against "inflexibility in labour markets", promises that there will be no repeal of the main elements of the 1980s' trade union legislation, and accepts that tax rates need to be fixed to attract highly skilled labcommitment to the social chapter is brushed aside as merely an opportunity to influence discussions. Labour, he admits, "took

far too long in the 1980s to face up to the need for change". What was wrong was that the changes then did not go far enough.

The reduction of barriers. the opening up of markets

and tax reductions, are only the first phase. What is now needed, he says, is a second phase to make Britain more competitive and attractive to centrates on education and training on a lifelong basis, private and public sector cooperation to revitalise infrastructure and increase in-

This is common ground with the Tories on objectives - as shown by the private

finance initiative and the work of Michael Heseltine's competitiveness unit. The differences are about which party is more credibile to

Mr Blair also emphasised the social implications of these economic upheavals, avoiding division between "a relatively secure and prosper-ous top part and an unskilled, undereducated bottom part". Hence, he stresses that competitiveness must be linked to

"only in this way can we persuade our people to live and thrive in the new global economy". Social exclusion should be tackled by education reforms and "welfare to work" changes to the benefit

The Government is vulnerable because its initiatives have appeared piecemeal and there has been little attempt to articulate an overall response to these worries

terms. Mr Blair's speech is intended to head off government claims that the economy is strong again.

The Labour view will be that the economy is not doing as well as it should, and the benefits are not being distributed fairly. In past elections. Labour has been defensive on the economy. He is now claiming the Tories' ground.

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Schools

facing

teacher

shortage

State schools will need 10,000 more teachers each year by

the end of the century to stave

off a looming recruitment crisis, the Government's se-

nior adviser on teacher train-

ing said yesterday. Anthea Millett, chief executive of the

Teacher Training Agency.

will spell out staffing needs in

detail for the first time when she speaks today at the North of England Education Conference, in Gateshead. The agency has already been asked to increase the number

of secondary school trainees by half and primary school trainees by a third. Education, page 29

Martin Crumpton, 44, a

father of two, became the first Briton to be jailed for receiv-

ing child pornographic pic-tures over the Internet. Files

on his home computer contained pictures of children about six years old being abused by adults, a court in Solihull heard. He got three

months; his lwayer said he had had financial difficulties.

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Labour examines plans to privatise the welfare state

By NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

£90 billion a year welfare budget. Workers and their employers could end up funding savings schemes that would cover the cost of pensions, unemployment, sickness benefit and long-term nursing care.

This would mean shifting at least part of the burden of the welfare state from the taxpayer to families and private firms. The Government would remain the insurer of last

resort for poor people. The ideas have been floated by the Adam Smith Institute. a free-market think-tank normally associated with the Conservatives. While they appear to have found little favour with Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, they have struck a chord with Tony Blair, the Labour leader. He Shadow Social Security Secretary, to "think the unthinkable" in reviewing the welfare system, which now consumes

one-third of public spending. The approach could enable a Labour government to cut taxes significantly. However. the Labour Left will be suspicious of anything smacking of

privatising the welfare state. Mr Smith will fly to Singapore this weekend for talks about the country's privatelyfunded safety net, which has been operating successfully for 40 years. He will study Singapore's Central Provident Fund (CPF) under which employees and firms each contribute 20 per cent of an individual's salary.

Mr Smith, who will meet Mr Blair in Singapore on Monday after the Labour leader's visit to Japan, said he

By-election ruled out

in Emma Nicholson's West

Country seat.

The announcement by party officials ended speculation triggered by Miss Nicholson and Paddy Ashdown after her defection from the Conservatives to the Liberal Democrats

Both said that they would not stand in the way of public pressure for her to stand down

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday ruled out a by-election as the Liberal Democrat candidate.

Despite anecdotal evidence

suggesting that local people wanted a chance to pass judgment on the MP's defection, the Liberal Democrats closed the door, on such a move. Willie Rennie, the Liberal Democrat campaigns officer for Devon and Cornwall, said there had been no strong grassroots call for a by-

Singapore's ideas, particularly on pension provision and house purchase. Mr Smith is to see Lee Boon Yang, the Minister for Labour. Mr Smith said: "The idea of

the fund, which is a fund underpinned by the govern-ment but in which the individual has their own personal stake, seems to me worth having a look at."

The CPF builds up individual savings accounts which a worker can invest and use for specified welfare purposes. The savings become freely available at the age of 55, on retirement, disablement or death and can be passed on to the next generation. They generate a large potential source of investment for industry and

Mr Smith said that he did not envisage such funds playing a role in paying for the National Health Service. But he did think that they might have a role as an alternative to private pensions and the much diminished State Earn-

ings-Related Pension Scheme. He also thought they could be useful in giving people a capital asset to be used as security in borrowing money to buy a house. Mr Smith added that he would reserve judgment on other potential applications of such funds until he had had a chance to study them further. "I am not ruling anything out, but at this stage I am not ruling it in



John Nichol, a member of a Tornado crew captured by the Iraqis, helps to launch the BBC documentary yesterday

Thatcher joins attack on RAF tactics

Continued from page I continue bombing the airfields with the RAFs JP233 runwaydenial bomblets. The other reasons for the change, he said, were the intensity of Iraq's air defences and the need to destroy Iraq's Scud

missile launchers. Sir William said it was on "day four" of the air campaign that he discussed the low-level tactics with his detachment commanders and with Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, Britain's joint forces commander, and agreed that the Tornados should switch to medium-level bombing.

That decision took some time to evolve. On the fifth night of the air campaign, January 21, a Tornado hit the



Nichol, left, and John Peters, also captured, on Iraqi TV

low-level attack, killing the two members of the crew. Only one Tornado was lost during JP233 low-level attacks. The four others lost at

bombs. After a week of lowlevel operations, the Tornados spent the rest of the air campaign at medium-level. Two Tornados were lost

six Tornados and the Americans lost 27 aircraft. Sir William was aware of a letter written by a senior RAF officer in the Ministry calling for the low-level raids to continue. That irritated him, but "it was

not a form of pressure". Flight Lieutenant John Nichol, who was one of two Tornado crewmen taken prisoner on January 17 after his aircraft was hit by a Sam missile, said yesterday that more would have been shot down if they had attacked from higher levels. He said: "We were attacking the most heavily defended airfields and the JP233 was the only weapon we had. It has to be released at low-level and that is what we

become joint patrons of Co-Operation North, a charity aimed at fostering closer understanding and co-operation between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. Mrs Robinson has fo accepted an invitation to make an official visit to Britain later this year.

called for permitted alcohol levels for drivers to be lowered from 80 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood to 50 milligrams, in line with France and other countries, to reduce drink-related road accidents. Over the Christmas period, only 987 drivers tested positive out of a record

Drink-drive call

Police tests

Up to 2.500 police will test CS sprays on the streets once the go-ahead for trials is formally given by chief constables later this month after they debate a report on its medical effects. The Home Office said there were no bars to the issue of the spray providing that all the medical questions about its effects had been

76,500 stopped in Scotland.

Divorce tactics The Princess of Wales is due to meet her solicitor today after returning home from her Caribbean holiday to discuss how to respond to the Queen's request urgently to consider a divorce from the Prince of Wales. It is under stood that the Princess will discuss tactics with Anthony Julius, of the solicitors

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Asthma doubled in five years

CASES of asthma have dou-bled among schoolchildren in five years, contrary to claims that the disease peaked in the mid-1980s. a study shows

(Jeremy Laurance writes). One in five children in Aberdeen was diagnosed with asthma in 1994 compared with one in ten in 1989. The rise in eczema has been less steep from one in eight in 1989 to one in six in 1994. Wheezing and other allergic disorders have also increased sharply according to the survey, one of the world's longest, which began in 1964.

The researchers, from the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, sent questionnaires to the parents of 4,000 child-

ren aged from eight to 13. The results, published in the British Medical Journal. showed increases in the prevalence of wheezing, asthma and eczema, but not of hayfever. The authors suggest a lack of anti-oxidants in diet - vitamins and minerals obtained chiefly from fruit and vegetables - or changes in the indoor environment or lifestyle are most likely to blame.

Santer refuses to budge for Major

BY PHILLP WEBSTER

JACQUES SANTER yesterday provoked the wrath of British Euro-sceptics with a prediction that nine countries could be ready to go ahead with a single currency in 1999 and a call for wholesale reform" at this year's conference on the future of the

European Union. The European Commission President again put Brussels on a collision course with John Major by insisting that a further weakening of the veto. to which Britain has already declared its opposition, was essential. M Santer also declared that any attempt to delay monetary union was unacceptable, playing down the study won by Mr Major at the Madrid summit into the implications of some countries

taking part in a monetary union and others not. M Santer said in an interview on The World at One on BBC radio that the conference should opt for the "wholesale reform in many areas, like in the common foreign and security policy, and some exten-sion of qualified majority nal market".

Mr Major has repeatedly said that only a small minority of countries are likely to be able to go ahead with a single currency on January 1, 1999. M Santer said efforts would have to be made to build "strong relations" between those who pressed ahead with monetary union and those who did not. "It seems the UK is in a very privileged situation because it is benefiting from

the opt-out clause," he said. "Therefore it is up to the

voting in certain areas to make the EU work more efficiently".

He said an EU of 15 coun-

tries was now working with

institutions and a voting sys-

tem initially proposed for six.

Majority voting had to be extended "if we are to exploit

the potentialities of the inter-

wants to join monetary union at the time or not." But he made clear that the campaign to promote mone-tary union and a single currency would go ahead in Britain whatever the Govern-

Government to decide if it

Tidy Britain campaigners dish dirt on the litter of Wakefield

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

WAKEFIELD has emerged as the filthiest place in Britain with Bath. Solihull and the City of London among the cleanest, according to a survey published today by the Tidy Britain Group.

A study of the levels of litter on pavements and streets around some of the nation's town halls blacklists 24 councils for having unacceptable levels of crisp packets. cigar-ette ends and other rubbish.

The findings, based on a survey of more than 18,000 sites in nearly 80 cities and metropolitan borough councils, indicate that some authorities take litter far more seriously than others. Places such as Bath, Ripon, Solihull and Exeter scored between 70 and 82 out of 100 for their relatively high levels of clean-liness. Wakefield scored the lowest with 45, with Sheffield on 49 and South Tyneside and

South Shields getting 50. A spokesman for the group said it was clear that cities and boroughs could improve litter levels if they wished.

Manchester, classed as both a city and a metropolitan borough, was surveyed twice. It came bottom in 1994 with a score of 51. But 12 months later it has sprinted up the cleanliness table and now ranks neary ten points higher.

Overall only 10 per cent of the sites were litter-free. Seventy-five per cent had a scattering of small items. 12 per cent had accumulations of

litter, and 3 per cent were said to be strewn with items. More than 15 per cent of sites had graffiti, and fly-posting affected 10 per cent of sites.

Professor Graham Ashworth, director-general of the group, said yesterday: "There is clearly no room for complacency. What this research shows is the necessity for personal responsibility for

The group, in its State of the Nation Report 1996, has also surveyed public attitudes to litter. Dog droppings rank as the most offensive item with 80 per cent of those questioned citing them as the worst problem. This is despite only 7.25 per cent of sites being

The most loathed litter was fast-food packaging, named by 72 per cent of respondents. followed by drink cans (53 per cent), cigarette ends (40 per cent) and sweet wrappers (25

per cent).

The group found that the most frequently found item is cigarette-related litter, with 86 per cent of sites affected, while only 13 per cent were blighted by fast-food packaging.

More than 90 per cent of the public are aware that there are fines for dropping litter but only 3 per cent thought the fine was more than £1,000. It is actually £2,500.

More than 63 per cent of the 1,137 people questioned said that they had cleaned up litter themselves, while 19 per cent said they had called the council. But only I per cent had decided to report the matter to

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Stratford-upon-Avon shocked by gang killing of teenager who went to father's defence

Brutal reminder for the tourist town that forgot murder existed

BY CAROL MIDGLEY AND JOANNA BALE

Schools

facing by a gang of youths in Strat-ford-upon-Avon illustrates the undercurrent of crime stirring beneath the surface was warwickshire town's genteel respectability, according to

Anthony Erskine, 19, was beaten and kicked to death in the front garden of his home on the Clopton estate by youths who were taunting his father. His face was kicked with such ferocity that neighbours were unable to give him the kiss of life.

Anthony, a stockroom assistant at Debenhams in Stratford, was attacked after going to the aid of his father Harry. 52, who was being harassed by a group of young men. The family had suffered months of racist abuse from a hardcore of youths for some time because their mother, Dorothy, was born in Malta.

Policemen working on the case, including one who has served in the area for 20 years, cannot remember the last time town. Violent crime in Stratford is below the national average - 3.3 violent crimes per thousand people every year — against a national average of 5.9.

But residents said yesterday that on some housing estates, away from the picturesque town centre and prosperous theatreland, many people lived in fear of small groups of bored youths who terrorised their neighbourhoods.

Every year the town plays host to 2.5 million visitors who see a peaceful market town with timber-framed houses and souvenir shops memorabila. Yet beneath this



Anthony Erskine, above



Stratford-on-Avon District Council is planning to spend £250,000 on closed-circuit televisions in the town centre to combat the drunken gangs who use it as a stage for fights after closing time.

Jean Holder, leader of the

Liberal Democrat-controlled council, said: "People from outside don't see that underneath the veneer of prosperity there is a very different side to Stratford. We have our fair share of trouble and there are employment. Half the problem is that there are no decent jobs for young people, only menial low-paid ones in hotel Jean Greaves, 69, who has

lived on the Clopton estate all her life, said violence had soared there over the last decade. "People from outside Stratford would never believe this goes on but this is what the tourists don't see. There's a lot of unemployment and 1 think that's what causes it." Anthony's twin wept yester-day as he described his "kind

and gentle" brother. Ian Erskine vowed never to celebrate his birthday again as a mark of respect for his twin. With tears streaming down his face he said: "Anthony and I were very close. The family are devastated at his sudden and unnecessary death which has completely destroyed us."

At one stage Ian faltered with his prepared statement to a press conference because he was so overcome by grief. However, he recovered his composure and begged the local community to provide information to help police convict the killers. This is not a petty crime. My brother was murdered. No one deserves loyalty after that," he said. "I was closer to him than the others. When Anthony went out I would always wait up for him and he always did the same for me."

Det Supt Tony Bayliss of Warwickshire police des-cribed the attack as horrific. He said: "Here we have a man in his fifties remonstrating with youths who had been apparently abusing him and his family. Then the son goes out to back up his father and is kicked and punched to death. This is yet another example of the violence pervading our



Police stand outside the house where Anthony Erskine died. He was so badly kicked that neighbours were unable to give him the kiss of life

murder for no apparent rea son." The dead man's elder brother Gary, 22, added: "Anthony never hurt anybody in

"He had been picked on before but he always took the peaceful option and tried to talk his way out of it, to try to calm things down."

One neighbour, who has known the family since they moved into their neat councilbuilt 1960s house 19 years ago when Mrs Erskine was preg nant with the twins, described Anthony as "a fantastic lad". She was greeted by the sight of Anthony's body in the garden of the Erskines' home, covered with a white sheet, at 5.45pm on Thursday.

As police maintained a cordon around the house, Elizabeth Davidson, 52, said: "I went outside to see what had happened and the police were taking the family away. "I said what's happened Dorothy? She said They've killed my Anthony'.

Heather Harrison, store manager for Debenhams in Stratford, said Anthony had been employed there 12 months ago because of his conscientious and enthusiastic nature. Early last year he was voted employee of the month by his colleagues. Mrs Harri-



devastated. Tony was an extremely hard-working young man. Nothing was too much trouble for him.

His former headmaster, Tim Sara, of St Benedict's Roman Catholic High School, Alcester, said: "He left two years ago but I remember him

polite, sensitive, caring and unassuming boy who was very supportive of this school. He was a super pupil, a real asset to us."

Anthony's mother, a catering manager at the Moat House Hotel in the town, was said to be inconsolable at her son's death. Gaynor Taylor, a being quiet like they are, they never fought back. They would just take the abuse." PC Nick Stephens, a former community policeman for the estate, said: The vast majority of people here are lovely. But there is a hardcore of youths. I would say no more than ten. who go round making trouble and it is the same faces time

for help after the attack, which

last only 60 seconds. She said:

When I got there, there was

nothing I could do. There was

no pulse and his face was a

mask of blood. His face had

been so badly kicked in I

couldn't give him mouth-to-

mouth." She said there was a

and time again." Police arrested two men yesterday in connection with Anthony's murder. Officers broke into a house near the teenager's home shortly after 3pm and arrested the men. A 17-year-old youth arrested shortly after the incident has been released on bail but police are still appealing for

stood on street corners and

terrorised people walking

past. "No one goes out at night

now. They will shout at you

and make fun of you as you

walk past. There are a lot of

people around here whose

husbands or sons are in prison

because of what they have

"Harry wouldn't have hurt

fly. They are a very nice

family, very quiet and respect-

able but this is the treatment

they get," she said. Another

neighbour said: "The trouble

is that, with Anthony's family

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Wine bottle may give clue to student's killer

By RICHARD DUCE

A RARE bottle of champagne could prove a vital clue in tracing the killer of the French student Celine Figard, police

Mile Figard, 19, accepted the bottle of Pascal Chretien champagne from its producer on her way through France before she arrived in England. hoping to spend Christmas with a relative. Only 60,000 bottles of the 1993 vintage were produced, none for export. None of Celine's property

was found with her body in a lay-by near Worcester on December 29 and police suspect that the bottle was taken by her killer and could even have been given away as a present. Chief Superintendent John

McCammont, the head of West Mercia CID who is leading the murder inquiry. said: "We want to hear from anybody who may have come across one of these bottles since December 19. Perhaps someone may have received one as a present or seen such a bottle during the Christmas celebrations.

lished that Guy Mailliot, the

French larry driver who took Celine from her home in Haute-Saone to Folkestone, stopped at the champagne producers in Voigny, Aube, to buy 12 bottles.

One bottle was given to Mile Figard as a present and then placed either in her suitcase or knapsack. The champagne is



The champagne label

the strongest lead since police revealed Mile Figard was last seen on December 19 climbing into the cab of a white Mercedes lorry at Chieveley service station on the M4 in Berkshire. Police are still checking all 1,200 such cabs in Police were yesterday inves-

tigating the claims of a French television station that a right-He said police had estabhand drive Mercedes lorry had been found abandoned in central France, but could not comment until further inqui-

Mr McCammont earlier dismissed speculation that a serial killer could be responsible for the death of Mile Figard, who had been strangled, "I would also stress, that at this stage, there is no evidence whatsoever to link Celine's murder with any other investigations," he said. But as he spoke the Royal

ries were made.

Ulster Constabulary announced their officers would travel to Worcester to compare details with an unsolved murder in Northern Ireland. Inga Maria Hauser, 19, from Munich, was found dead with her neck broken in a forest in north Antrim eight years ago after she vanished while travelling through England and Scotland.

An RUC spokesman said yesterday: "We are not saying the murders of Celine and Inga Maria are identical, but the circumstances are some-

Fry agrees deal on walk-out

THE actor Stephen Fry. who walked out of the West End play Cell Mates, has agreed an out-of-court settlement

umph Proscenium Produc-tions, who was suing Fry for £500.000 damages for breach £255,000 in what lawyers ceptable deal. Some £235.000 will be paid by the insurers

The curtain came down on Cell Mates last March after Fry left for the Continent. The press gave chase and he eventually returned to London, saying he had suf-fered a nervous breakdown. In a statement Mr Weldon

perform in Cell Mates."

BY DALYA ALBERGE

with the show's producers.

Duncan Weldon of Tri-

of contract, has accepted described as a mutually acwho were also being sued.

said: 'Having had the benefit of expert psychiatric advice on the medical reports that Stephen Fry provided to Triumph, Duncan Weldon now accepts that Stephen Fry was

Man who bought lost golf balls is not guilty of receiving stolen goods

By JOHN SHAW

THE owner of a golf driving range who bought old balls collected by schoolboys from a local course was cleared of receiving stolen property

Andrew Goodridge, 28, who runs the Bury driving range at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, said outside court after the prosecution had been discontinued: "The case a should not have been brought. It was ridiculous, It has been a complete waste of

time and money. The prosecution had been brought under Section 22(1) of the Theft Act 1968. Mr Goodridge, 28, of Lark Valley Court, Fornham St Martin, was accused of receiving balls stolen from the Fornham

course near the town, between July I and August 10. But Paul Forshaw, of the

Crown Prosecution Service, said during a brief hearing that a notice discontinuing the prosecution would be served on Mr Goodridge. William Jackson, 42, his

solicitor, said Mr Goodridge had incurred considerable legal expense and asked for costs which were granted. Mr Jackson said he understood that the police had pressed ahead with the case

without taking advice from Mr Goodridge said the golf course was foreign-owned and a sign in the bar indicated that any golf balls lost for more than five minutes became the property of the club. Two schoolboys, aged about 15, had been found in one of the ponds on the course by a greenkeeper, and the matter had been reported to the

Mr Goodridge said he had been unable to believe it when he was accused of receiving: but he had co-operated and had gone to the police station. "I went down there for a taperecorded interview but the officer got nasty and treated me like a criminal."

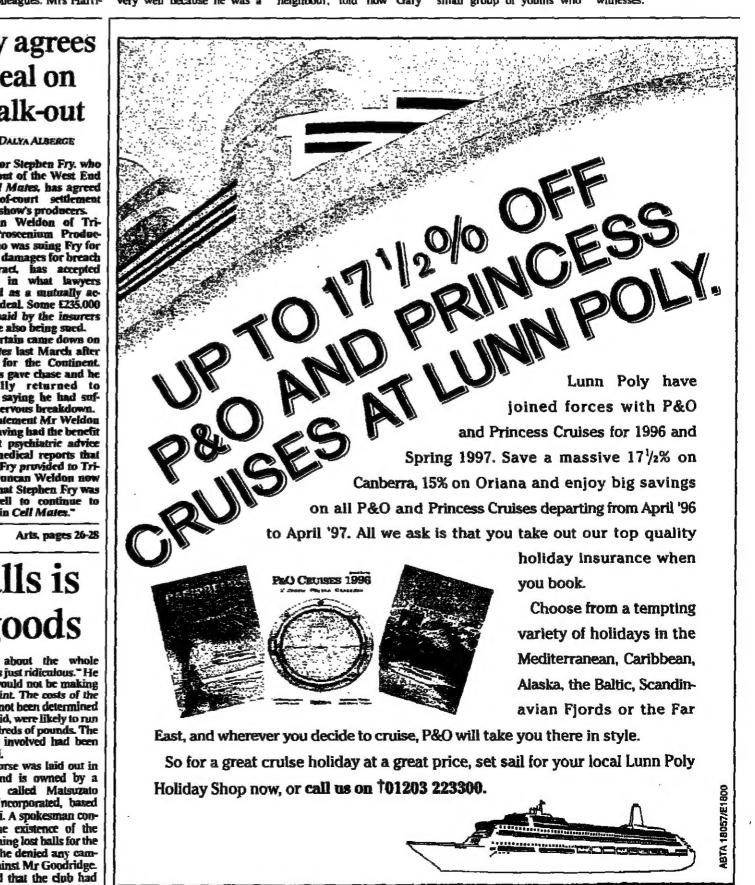
It was a tradition of the game, he said, that lost balls found on a course were often later sold on to professional shops. It had been accepted that balls found by greenkeepers were a perk of

"People who have come to my range since this case have

thing. It is just ridiculous." He said he would not be making a complaint. The costs of the case had not been determined but, he said, were likely to run into hundreds of pounds. The two boys involved had been cautioned.

The course was laid out in 1974-75 and is owned by a company called Matsuzato Hawaji Incorporated, based in Hawaii. A spokesman confirmed the existence of the sign claiming lost balls for the club, but he denied any campaign against Mr Goodridge. He said that the dub had not instigated proceedings against him. We did not

press for any charges nor ere we consulted at any time by the police concerning this



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Cousins go to court over ancient earldom and a fortune



SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

TWO cousins from Scotland's premier family met in court yesterday to compete for the title of Earl of Selkirk and a £500,000 fortune.

Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton, cou-sin of the Duke of Hamilton, brought an action in the ancient court of Lord Lyon in Edinburgh laiming he is the rightful heir to the 10th Earl of Selkirk, who died over a

year ago aged 88.

Mr Douglas-Hamilton's claim is being opposed by Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, younger brother of the Duke of Hamilton and MP for Edinburgh West Lord James ter, disclaimed the title of Earl of

Selkirk four days after the tenth Earl's death to allow him to remain a Conservative MP and to vote for the Government in the crucial European Finance Bill. Had he not disclaimed the title immediately, the Government would have faced a by-

Although Lord James Hamilton, cannot now become Earl of Selkirk he is fighting the case on behalf of his son, John Andrew, 17, who will become Master of Selkirk if Lord James wins and will inherit the earldom on his father's death.

The two cousins, accompanied by their wives, exchanged pleasantries and shook hands before the case began yesterday. The hearing was presided over by Lord Lyon King of Arms, Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight. Lord Lyon Court sits in chambers every day and traditionally adjudicates on disputed titles. It only rarely hears cases in public.

While the cousins insist their fight is friendly both were represented by QCs and are going to considerable expense to stake their claim.

The earldom of Selkirk was created by King Charles I in 1646 and bestowed on the king's cousin Lord William Douglas. But the case hinges on the interpretation of a document written in Latin in 1688

stipulating who may inherit.
Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton's claim to the title is on the basis that younger brother Malcolm. His case is that the diploma of 1688 intended that the titles of Hamilton and

Seikirk should remain separate and that all existing male descendants of the earl's brother should be exhausted before the earldom reverts to the Duke of Hamilton.

Lord James argues that the diploma of 1688 makes it clear that if the Earl of Selkirk dies with no male children and no younger brothers, the title reverts to the Duke of Hamilton and is passed to his immediate younger brother. Lord James is the immediate young brother of the current Duke.

Lord James is often described as the nicest man in the Commons. He lives in a mansion overlooking the sea at North Berwick and is the father of four children, including

He was educated at Eton and

Oxford where he gained a boxing Blue and he has published several books on flying.

Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton, 56, was educated at Gordonstoun and studied law at Edinburgh. He is a manager in the trustees department of the Bank of Scotland. His father, Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, was briefly Tory MP for Inverness-shire. Lord Malcolm was killed in an aircraft crash in the Cameroon

jungle in 1964. Mr Douglas-Hamilton has four children and lives in a fortified tower set in 20-acres in the Scottish border town of St Boswells.

Lord Lyon heard both sides' arguments yesterday and a judgment is expected within three



Fighting for son: Lord

'Britain has got to do better'

Water industry is incompetent, says **Princess Royal**

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE Princess Royal criticised the water industry yesterday for allowing a year of supply shortages in a country with abundant rainfall.

Even taking into account the past year's unusual weather conditions. Britain was facing a situation that no one would have thought possible ten years ago, she said. "I cannot help feeling that there must have been inefficiency and incompetence."

Water companies say that last summer's drought was the worst in more than 100 years and that they cannot always maintain supplies in such conditions.

The Princess made her remarks in an address to the annual Oxford Farming Conference in which she singled out water supplies as the most crucial determinant of the world's ability to grow crops for an expanding population.

One of the most useful contributions the West could make would be to provide developing countries with the expertise to enable them to use limited water resources wisely, the Princess told farmers,

bankers and businessmen attending the conference. But the West's ability to help would be undermined if even countries such as Britain could not manage their water resources properly. "What can we say to people [in Africa] who have very little water?". she said. "We have got to do

In a later interview with the BBC, the Princess said: "In the UK we always thought the cli-mate would provide enough water for us, and we are not paying strict enough attention water and the way in which it should be used."

Elsewhere in her speech to the conference, the Princess. who is president of Save the Children, said that developing countries should not simply copy the worst aspects of the highly intensive agriculture, dependent on large amounts of fertilisers and pesticides, from which farmers in the West were now trying to escape. "We do not want developing countries to make the same mistakes as we did." she said. "The trouble is that

they see their mistakes as the quickest way to get a return." Earlier, Eugene Moos, the United States Under-Secretary for Agriculture, gave a warning that the world could face food shortages over the coming years. "Given the expanding import demand in Asian markets, the economic growth in developing countries. Latin America. Central Europe and the States of the former Soviet Union, we are moving away from a world growing demand," he said.

The Princess's strictures came as Ian Byatt, the water industry regulator, threatened to take a tough line with water companies that tried to avoid paying compensation for supply cuts because of burst pipes and mains in the recent thaw.

Yorkshire Water has promised to pay £10 compensation out supplies for more than 24 hours as a result of the bursts. A Leeds city councillor, John Sully, called the figure an "insult" and business leaders in the city condemned it as



Anthea Turner, the lottery draw TV presenter, gets a security escort and a £60 million backdrop of prizemoney at the Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday

Lottery punters are playing for £60 million

BY LEYLA LINTON

CAMELOT put £60 million on display yesterday to show the nation what it would be playing for in this weekend's Scotland in north London, bundles of £10 notes were piled 5ft 4in high, 13ft 6in wide and 3ft 4in deep. Camelot will not pay out in cash, however. Winners will get cheques ready for instant

Ronald Biggs, who took part in the

Great Train Robbery and remembered how it felt to count £1 million in cash, said from his exile in Brazil. yesterday: "It didn't make me happy." He spoke of his reaction to his big cash haul: "I started out with exactly £147,000 and began giving it away until I reached £100,000 and put the brakes on and told myself to stop being so silly. I admire generosity and

like to feel I am a generous man."
Four out of five adults in Britain are expected to take part in this weekend's

National Lottery. Hundreds of companies, including building societies, solicitors, architects, engineering and printing firms, have taken out insurance with Fielding Mann, a firm of brokers in Leeds, against workplace syndicates winning the jackpot and staff walking out. A policy offers between £25,000 and £300,000 cover against two or more employees walk-ing out for an annual premium of

between £50 and £300. Nigel Benbow, of the Institute of Management, said that the 14 millionto-I risk was so slight that most bosses would be better off joining the syndicate and spending the insurance

emium to keep their staff loyal. Ticket sales are expected to top £80 million. Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage Secretary, defended the huge jackpot, saying that it would mean more money for good causes. "I think the size of the prize is part of the fun of the game," she told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

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Church charity to sue priest for missing money

By Stephen Farrell and Ruth Gledhill

THE governors of a Church charity are to take an Anglican priest and a Labour Party agent to court to recover missing funds after a Charity Commission inquiry exposed "a web of conflicts of interest, patronage and nepotism".

The Rev Graham Pattison faces eviction today from The Master's House at Sherburn. Hospital, Durham city. He was given eight weeks notice in November but last night there was no sign of him leaving. Governors of Sherburn Hospital. now an old people's home, will decide what to do at a special meeting on Tuesday if the priest, his wife, Valerie, and their two adult sons are not prepared to leave. Mr Pattison, 56. has refused to comment since Charity Commissioners criticised him and another governor for using hospital funds to buy expensive cars and a pension for his

A hospital source said: "The governors will do whatever it takes to get him out. They will get a county court judgment, get the bailiffs in, anything. He says he has nowhere to go but we do not believe him.

"He was paid £12.000 a year and his wife was paid £35,000. You are not telling me that after all those years and those salaries he hasn't put something aside.'

Stephen Black, administrator of Sherburn Hospital, said: "Our solicitor will be instructing a barrister on the governors' behalf to proceed with a civil claim. There is a board of governors in place now with a resolve to ensure that what has happened never happens

Although Alan Martin, the investigating commissioner. found no evidence of dishonesty on the part of Mr Pattison or Ron Morrisey, the agent for the City of Durham's Labour MP, he urged the governors to seek restitution of £42,000 not accounted for.

Between 1986 and 1988, donations of £42,000 were paid into a private account, Interchurch Agency Fees.

which was never audited and whose signatories were Mr Pattison and Mr Morrissey. In spite of repeated requests Mr Pattison failed to explain how the money was used, raising "very serious doubts about the possible misuse of charity funds", according to

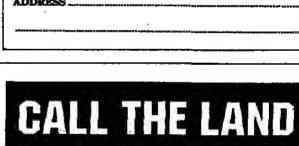
the committee's report. Three vehicles, including a Daihatsu Four Trak, were donated to Interchurch by the charity and the Four Trak was sold by Mr Morrissey within a few months. The report says: There is clear evidence that no donations were needed by Interchurch/Skill Training." Interchurch was able to invest £700,000 in a Spanish property development company in

The Interchurch Agency Fees account was also used to buy cars for senior managers and Mr Morrissey received extra monthly payments of £300 to £350.

Another project, Compass received £230,000 in grants from Sherburn Hospital but no audited accounts were presented. The committee could find no evidence of how £175.000 paid in direct grants to Compass was spent. The committee noted "with concern" that the Compass project worker was Mr Morrissey's wife. Doris. The committee also expressed "grave con-cern" that £100,000 was paid over three years to establish a

pension for Mrs Pattison. Because of an endowment, the hospital, run as a home for about 90 old people, has 2,500 acres of farmland, £10 million in investments as well as mineral-rich land. The hospital buildings are worth more than £12 million.

Throughout the 1980s Mr Morrisey was chairman of the charity and Mr Pattison its master. The hospital is run by a board of 16 governors. The Bishop of Durham, although lacking administrative power. appoints the master from a list of three given him by the governors, and hears an ap-



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Retired carpenter accused of killing three in war atrocities

murder against the first man in Britain to face prosecution for alleged Nazi atrocines committed in Germanoccupied Eastern Europe was dropped yesterday when he appeared in court.

Szymon Serafinowicz, an 85year-old retired carpenter, remains accused under the War Crimes Act, 1991, of killing three unknown Jews in Belarus - part of the former Soviet Union — between Nov-einber 1941 and March 1942 No plea was entered for any of the charges yesterday as committal proceedings began, but his lawyer made plain at an earlier hearing that they

would be vigorously defended. In the unlikely setting of Dorking Magistrates' Court in Surrey, Mr Serafinowicz, a widower, squinted and blinked as the clerk asked him



to confirm his name. Clearly in some difficulty, he cupped a hand to his ear and she

repeated the question loudly.
Closing his eyes against the
powerful ceiling lights, he confirmed his name, address and date of birth. He was then. told that one of four counts of killing Jews after the German invasion of Belarus had been

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The frail pensioner had been driven into a rear courtback of a police Rover past a posse of photographers and . TV cameramen.

Peter Badge, the Chief Met-ropolitan Magistrate, told the press - foreign journalists in particular - that the factors. behind the withdrawal of the charge could not be reported

ONE of the four charges of committal proceedings against Rosemary West last February, had told the media that dire penalties were in store for those who flouted his instructions. "Heavy fines or imprisonment could result," he said, frowning over his

> Mr Serafinowicz, allegedly a commander in the local Britain as a refugee in 1947. He was charged in July, the first person to face charges under the War Crimes Act 1991, after a two-year investigation by Scotland Yard's war

> crimes unit.
> Yesterday Mr Serafinowicz,
> dressed in a shabby car coat,
> pullover and thick cotton shirt, frequently had difficulty hearing - cupping his hand to his ear and frowning - as the case against him was made by John Nutting, QC, for the

Last night Mr Scrafin-owicz's bail was renewed on condition that he does not leave Britain, does not apply for a passport and continues to live at his present address in Banstead, Surrey. The hear-ing was adjourned until February 19 to allow witnesses to travel to Britain.

Court officials have been told that up to 26 witnesses, from Russia, the United States and Israel, would be called. The Crown Prosecution Service will have to arrange for interpreters in at least four

Committee proceedings at Dorking are expected to last until April and will cost an estimated £1.5 million. A media annex with an audio link has been set up to accommodate the throng of reporters covering the case. Dorking appears unmoved

yard of the courthouse in the for Britain's first War Crimes prosecution. The only evidence that the town is interested can be found in telephone kiosks near the court.

A right-wing organisation styling itself The Voice of Reason has put up cheaply printed stickers reading: "No War Crimes trials! Hands off for legal reasons. Earlier, Mr OAPs. We want British justice



Szymon Serafinowicz arriving at Dorking Magistrates' Court in Surrey yesterday

GEOGRAPHERS' CONFERENCE

Supermarkets 'damage British fruit growers'

REPORTS BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH supermarkets were accused yesterday of bullying tactics that were destroying the horticultural industry and forcing customers to pay inflated prices for

fruit and vegetables.

Caroline Dumonteil of the science policy research unit at Sussex University told the conference at the University of Strathelyde that the dominance of a few supermarket chains was making it harder and harder for small grow-ers of fruit and vegetables to make a living.

The supermarkets, led by Sainsbury's and Tesco, pre-ferred to buy from abroad. and refused to give British said. As a result, the number of horticultural holdings had declined by a fifth between 1987 and 1993, and fresh fruit and vegetables were the largest single item in Britain's trade deficit.

By buying direct from suppliers, the supermarkets had undermined the wholesale markets through which growers had once been able to sell their produce. In 1974, she said, there had been 150 main wholesale markets in Britain: now there were only 37. Of the 1L000 growers left,

she estimates that only about 2.000 who sell to supermarkets are very profitable. The rest must find markets through farm shops, or the declining number of small

She said that in spite of the tough tactics used by the supermarkets. British consumers pay more for fruit and vegetables than those in other countries.

"It doesn't deliver the cheapest produce to the shopper," she said. "Actually fruit and vegetables are quite expensive here. The profit margins have been exorbit-

The dominance of the sushe said: in the 1970s they had about a quarter of the trade in fresh fruit and vegetables, but now they had 60 per cent. This is predicted to rise to 80 per cent by 2000.

Apple-growing had been one of the principal casual-ties, she said. "France has replaced the indigenous ap-ple producers. In the last year, 14 per cent of British apple orchards were grubbed up, after the Government introduced grants for growers wanting to get out of apple-growing." Ms

Dumonteil's study is based on questionnaires sent to 255 growers around the country with supermarket buyers, importers and others.

One of the main problem faced by British growers was the lack of binding contracts with the supermarkets. "What they do is have discussions in the down-season and give vague undertakings

But when the time comes they can say they don't want the produce, because the weather is cold, or because they have just had a consign-ment from Chile," she said.

They could not be so high-handed with foreign suppliers, as once the produce had been imported they had no option but to sell it. With British producers it was too easy simply to turn their products away.

Ms Dumonteil also said the pressure was leading to unhealthy production prac-tices, with the same crops being grown on the same land year after year. This could lead to disease and the spread of pests.

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Secret of long life lies in the value of your house

IF YOU want to know how long somebody is going to live, look at the value of their house, the conference was told yesterday.

Dr Daniel Dorling of the University of Bristol has compared the health and longevity of people throughout England and Wales with their wealth, as measured by the value of their houses. His results show that greater wealth means longer life and allow him to predict, for each group, how much longer they would live if they were a little richer.

His figures are based on building society records, so only include those with mortgages. In the poorest electoral wards, the average equity people have in their houses is less than £100: in the richest, around the outskirts of London, it is more than

Those in the poorest wards live on average for 72.8 years (men and women taken together) while those in the richest ones 74.1 years. The greatest gains in life expectancy are made by the poor who gain a little more

"Where the average equity is less than £15,000, every extra £100 adds a day's life expectancy," he concluded. among the richer people living in wards where the average equity is more than £60,000, an extra £100 adds only three hours to life

expectancy."

☐ Ugandan Asians who arrived in Britain in 1972 with £50 in their pockets have since made rapid progress up the social fadder, a study at the University of Wales in Swansea has shown. While a quarter of the Ugandan Asian men were classified as managerial in 1981, by 1991 that had risen to 37 per cent. Ugandan Asian women in managerial positions showed an increase from 6 per cent to 24 per cent over the same period, while the proportion of white men so classified rose

Six million fighting at the frontier

By RICHARD FORD

ON June 22, 1941, Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa, a surprise attack on Stalin's Russia, his former ally. Armies of three million men on either side, with air and naval backing, faced each other on the German-Russian frontier. During the first

weeks of the war on the Eastern Front, the German army made sweeping advances, achieved vast encirclements of Russian troops and

took thousands of prisoners. The bulk of the German army was to break the Soviet force in Byelorussia and then assist in clearing the Bahic area and capturing Leningrad. Hitler's attack began with air attacks which deinitial successes with stretched supply lines and Soviet troops stroyed the bulk of the Soviet still capable of resistance. air force and disrupted head-

confronting the problems of its

By December leading elequarters and supply dumps.
In six days, the Germans had enveloped Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia, and ments of the German army were almost at the city limits Moscow but Stalin launched a counter-offensive captured 280,000 men. But and by the spring of 1942 both soon the German army was sides had fought each other to

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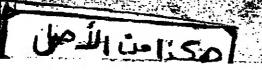
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From ancient Assyria to laser surgery, the eyes have it

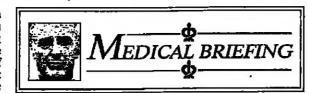
from the Thames fore-1500 and ranks as about the oldest surviving pair in

Енторе. Spectacles were invented in Italy in 1285, although simple lenses made of various materials were well established in ancient Rome and have been found in the ruins of Carthage and at Nineveh, the ancient capital of Assyria.

The Thameside spectacles were of a simple practical design probably uncomfortable to wear, and certainly

fashion accessory as modern versions now are. Robert council of the College of Optometrists and an expert on the intricacies of spectacle manufacture, said that al-though today's choice had never been greater the difference in the spectacle frames was now one of appearance

It is, in fact, now more difficult to find a comfortable pair than it was 30 years ago. In the past, before spectacles were regularly changed by their owners to keep up with



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

with different arm lengths. They were also manufactured with varying bridge sizes to accommodate those who had small or large

made with only one standard bridge size, in two breadths and the patient has the choice of either a long or a short

If there is a lack of variety in fittings there is none in the material from which they are mans dispensed with specta-

made. A pair made of the newest, lightest and most fashionable material, titanium, will cost about £300. while £1,000 would buy some gold ones and for rather more Cartier is pleased to supply gold frames studded with diamonds. The best value for money must still be the rolled gold NHS style half moons at about £95. They take some finding but Mr Chappell says that they are still available.

Nero used a polished, shaped emerald to view the gladiators fighting but many to read their manuscripts aloud. The rich are once again able to throw away their spectacies, relying on laser therapy rather than having someone to do their

John Grindle, a consultant

opthalmic surgeon who practises in London, said that, by altering the shape of the cornea with laser therapy, 95 per cent of those who are considered suitable for surgery, and who have a refractory error of less than minus three, can do without glasses. The success rate falls as the

increases but minor changes in the laser have extended its use so that now 90 per cent of those who have severe short sightedness - up to minus ten - can benefit from laser treatment at a cost of only £395 an eye and can expect afterwards only to have to wear spectacles for watching television, using a computer

or driving.
The skill in obtaining consistently good results and the satisfaction of the patient depends on selecting only those people for surgery who are going to benefit. This skill

requires an understanding of human nature as well as of eye diseases. Some patients attribute all their misfortunes in life, social, sexual and professional, to having to wear glasses and are inordinately upset when their world is not revolutionised after the glasses become redundant.

Research is well advanced into using the laser to provide older people with bifocal corneas. This is not yet available but Mr Grindle confidently predict when it may be somitable to discuss the same and the same are the possible to dispense with half

Tests fail

to explain

jet's roll

mystery

Hopes that a sudden and unexplained roll in a British Airways Boeing 737 could hold the key to at least two fatal crashes of similar aircraft

have been dashed by air accident investigators.

The pilot of the jet was so

concerned when it went into a

series of violent movements

during a flight test that he

declared an emergency and called "mayday." Although the rolls and yaws went on for seven minutes the crew land-

ed the jet safely at Gatwick.

Exhaustive attempts were

made to re-create the problem

in flight, but it did not reoccur

and no reason has been found:

The aircraft remains ground-

ed, almost three months later,

and a full investigation is

continuing. Investigators say

however, there were signifi-

cant differences between the

incident at 10,000ft over

Bournemouth and two crash-

es in America in 1991 and 1994

when 737s yawed and rolled and plunged out of control.

Samantha Brewster, 28, has

restarted her 27,000-mile

wrong way round the world solo sailing voyage from Bra-zit. She is heading for the

Southern Ocean after mast

£1.75 million was found on a cargo ship at an east coast port yesterday. Police said the 21kg

were hidden in a gas bottle on a ship loaded with phosphates

that arrived in Great Yar-milith, Norfolk Ali 13 crew of the MV Craigmore, which came from Pakistan, via Morocco and Portugal; are

being questioned.

Vet left £1m

New horizon

Funding squeeze angers academics

Universities may cut student intake as cash runs out

By David Charter, Education correspondent

UNIVERSITIES are threatening to admit more foreign students and turn away British undergraduates this year in protest at a government funding squeeze.

A growing number of vicechancellors are rallying be-hind a plan that would lead them to clash with ministers and end an era of growth. which has seen university places increase by 50 per cent since 1989. A few favour the more radical alternative of charging all students direct "top-up" fees, depending on the cost of their course.

Both moves will be debated at an emergency meeting of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals on February 2. The Budget imposed a cut in funding of 7 per cent in real terms in the next academic year, after a 25 per cent reduction over the past five years. Capital funding was cut by 31 per cent from £350 million to £243 million as the Treasury found extra money

for schools John Bull, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Plymouth, said: "If there is no more money from the public purse I would prefer to explore ways in which there could be a deal with the custodians of the public purse to agree there will be fewer students for that

Universities are free to charge a market rate for non-European Community students, who pay for themselves ment. Annual course fees for British students are fixed by the Government at £750 for classroom-based subjects, El,600 for laboratory or workshop-based courses and £2.800 for clinical courses. The committee estimates the true cost of these courses as £6,000, £3,000 and £14,500 respect-

committee spokesman said: "Vice-chancellors are incensed. They realise they canproviding high-quality higher education for the amount of money the Government provides." Universities are now preparing bids to the Higher Education Funding Council to cut numbers of British undergraduates. They can only do so with funding council approval but were helped when, immediately after the Budget, the council said it

would accept applications for a cut of 3,000 students. The deadline is February 9.

Graeme Davies, principal of Glasgow University and former chief executive of the funding council, said: "Universities can raise more money or recruit fewer stualternatives we have in mind. We can seek top-up fees or to take more high-resource students from abroad."

James Wright, Vice-Chan-cellor at Newcastle, said: "I think the key issue we are down to is that we need to make students pay for all of their maintenance and maybe an additional fee. But it has got to be with a decent loans scheme, not the mess we have at the moment."

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are preparing to ditch their traditional support for student grants to cover the cost of living, in exchange for a commitment to revive the expansion of higher educa-tion. The Liberal Democrats said students would be required to make a contribution to the costs of their education.

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Stephen Barlow, the new artistic director of Opera Northern Ireland, with his wife Joanna Lumley in Belfast yesterday

Artistic director will take opera to the people

THE conductor Stephen Barlow has been appointed artistic director of Opera Northern Ireland, it was an nounced yesterday, the tenth birthday of the company. As part of a strategy to bring opera closer to the people, Opera Northern Ireland is 10 develop com-

do more touring, north and south of the "Barlow, who has worked with the main

border, and to encourage backing from opera houses and orchestras in this business people. Barlow said yesterday: country, and also abroad, is a coOpera is perceived as being out of founder of the company Opera 80, now reach of many people, blith financially. Involve as English Touring Opera Inand intellectually. I see it as a large 1994 he conducted Kossini's The Barber challenge 80 change this livel take since of Seedle for Opera Continent Ireland, but I'm confident Opera Northern and last year led a gala concert in Belfast Ireland has the strategy to do it. featuring the same and lester Grand.

failure halted the trip a month ago. The new start-finish line, a 125ft rock off the Brazilian port of Santos, has been designated by the World Sailing Speed Records Council. Heroin seized Heroin with a street value of

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Chili Bouchier in the 1936 film Gypsy, left. The cover picture of her book, right, was too daring for 1931

Getty's birthday gift helps silent star shine

symbol is publishing her autobiography at the age of 6, thanks to a birthday gift from the tycoon John Paul

Getty Jr. Chili Bouchier, who ap-peared in 13 silent films and 45 talkies, used a £5,000 cheque from Getty, a film enthusiast, and most of her life savings to produce Shoot-ing Star, which will be issued next month to mark the Publishers were doubtful about the cost because I wanted a lot of photographs, so I thought, to hell with it, I'll publish it myself," she price three guineas."

young Chili revealing her breasts, a pose from the film Carnival. The picture is modest by today's standards but in 1931 many newspapers considered it too daring for

Chili bopes that Mohamed Al Fayed will offer her a launch party at Harrods, where as chairman he wel-comed her on her 80th birthday, 64 years after she was fired as the store's model. At 16, she was seduced by one of its floorwalkers. She then

Miniature motor is a giant leap for technology

SCIENTISTS in America having developed an engine the size of a grain of pollen, making possible a hilliputian world of midget machines. The engine, developed in New Mexico, is said to be simple enough to be massproduced but complex enough to be useful. Manufacture opens the possibility to such science fiction-like creations as a tiny robot capable of navigating the human body to clear cholestrol or repairing torn ligaments or nerves. Oth-er hoped-for "nano-technology" gadgets include man-made insects that are able to buzz around the garden killing real pests and ones that work in the house cleaning dust from floors.

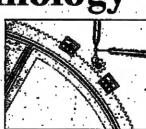
Micromotors could also be used for low-cost gyroscopes which could have a big impact on the design of cars and military systems, offering highly accurate guidance.
Jeff Sniegowski, of the Sandia National Laboratories in

Albuquerque, one of the scientists involved, said yesterday: "We believe we are the first to demonstrate a really good micromotor that can connect up with a variety of devices.
"Our idea was to develop a generic micromotor that has a

can hook up an application Neil Singer, also of the

gear output, so people see

there's a power source they



The tiny silicon motor

first applications might be for internal drug pumps in which the micromotor could release tiny amounts of drugs or hormones directly into an organ or the patient's bloodstream.

The motor, which is a millimetre square, has been made from silicon and, like mass-produced microchips used in computers, can be etched with acid or light. It is made of gears, the smallest of which is the diameter of a human hair and can spin at 200,000 revolutions a minute. The gears are connected to drive shafts, as in a conventional engine, and are powerful enough to turn other gears up to 30 times bigger. The motor can develop 0.5 microwatts of electricity.

The team hopes to combine the motor with an electronic chip circuit to give it computer intelligence. At present the device is run on electricity but scientists are toying with novel ideas such as powering the motor by using the tempera-ture changes that occur when water droplets evaporate off the gears and drive shafts.



The man who was the model for the character Siegfried Farmon in the James Herriot vet books left an estate worth El.13 million net. Donald Sinclair, of Thirlby, North Yorkshire, who was played by Robert Hardy in the television series, died aged 84 last June. He was a vet and partner of Alf Wight, who wrote under the name of Herriot.

Ariane launch set



The European Space Agency has successfully tested the supercooled engines of the new Ariane space rocket. The launch is due in the summer from Kourou in French Guiana. The Ariane booster will first be used to launch the "cluster" mission — a flotilla of four spacecraft which will study the Earth's magnetic field.

And with

Drive to save violet click beetle

By NICK NUTTALL

WILDLIFE conservationists are to spend £15,000 planting 300 trees in Hereford and Worcester to save a rare and secretive jumping insect. The violet click beetle is

found at only two sites in

ment's advisory body, said yesterday: "It is so rare we know little about its lifestyle and the adult has only been seen five or six times. But it seems to live in a soup-like mixture where birds have nested, squirrels have died and fungus grows in hollow

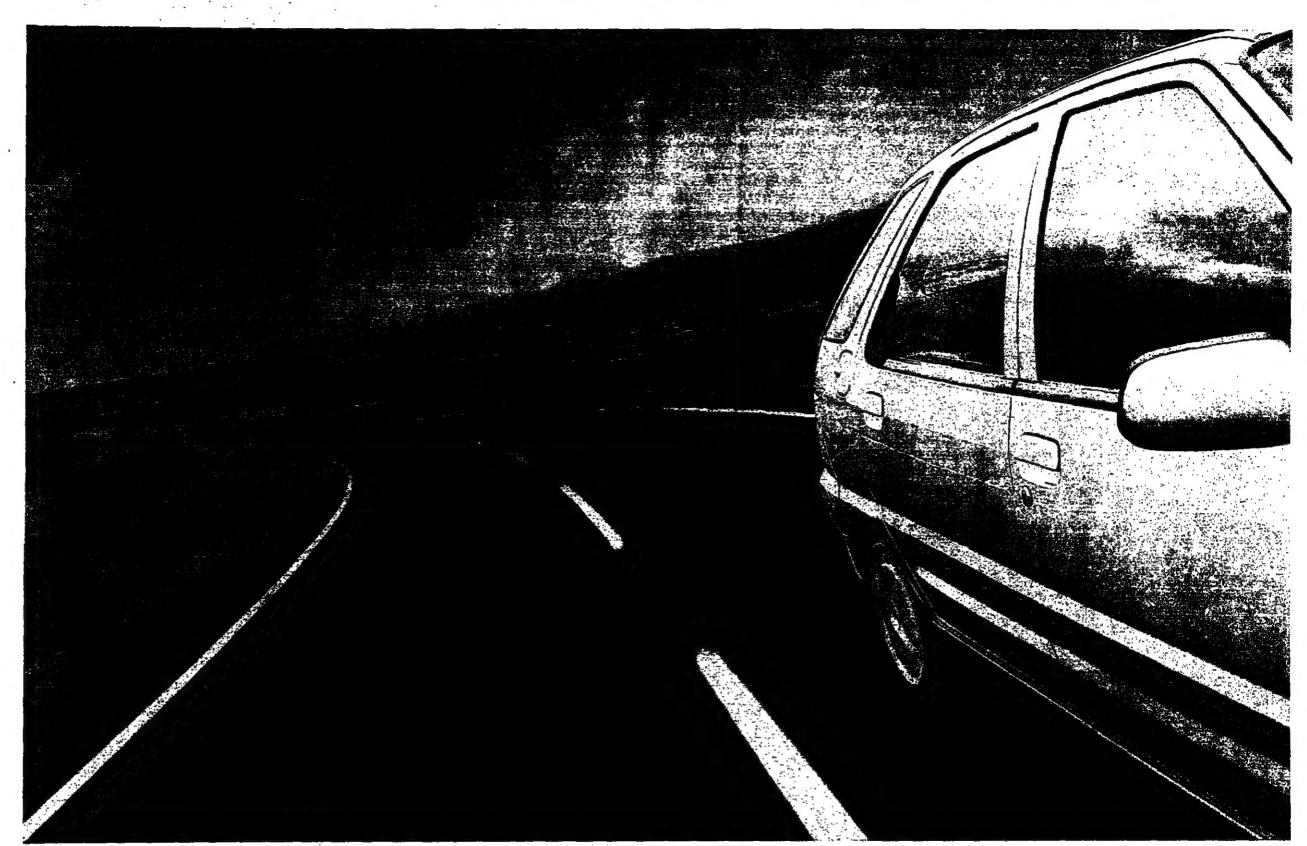
chalk grassland. The hill also has hawthorn, which provides nectar and a mating site for beetles in the sprint.

But planting last took place 200 years ago at the 380-acre site and many oaks were felled in the Second World War for

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Parties wield statistical weapons in economic battle

with its prosperity league table at the beginning of

November. It took care to use

impeccable sources, quoting directly from figures provided

by the Organisation for Eco-

nomic Co-operation and Dev-

elopment, the very group that

povernment ministers have

cited recently to laud Britain's

economic miracle since 1979.

Unfortunately for Angela

Under Tony Blair, new Labour has been challenging the Tories' reputation for economic stewardship. Janet Bush says that the case can be argued two ways

The Government and Lahour have locked horns on what both believe will be the critical battleground of the election campaign: the economy. The chosen weapons are statistics, marshalled by both sides in recent days in full-page newspaper advertisements.

in The Sunday Times, John Major asked "Which Country" was, for example, Europe's largest exporter of televisions and computers, or any major European country. After a list of 14 glowing economic facts, he answered himself in suitably patriotic terms: "Our Country"

Labour pounced, reusing the advertisement originally placed in this newspaper last November that formed the basis of its pre-Budget assault on the Government. In yesterday's Independent, it pubthat Britain had slipped from 13th place in 1979 to 18th place now in the world prosperity

league. Both combatants are eager to campaign on the to Bill Clinton's election-winning slogan in his 1992 campaign for the US presidency: "It's the economy, stupid." Each side is confident that

This marks another key

change to Labour's tactics under Tony Blair. Privately, both Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, were disappointed by the approach adopted by Mr Brown's predecessor. John Smith, during the 1992 general election campaign of concentrating on traditional Laand education and trying to neutralise the economy as an issue. Three-and-a-half years on. Labour is obzing confidence that it can compete with the Tories on their long-held reputation of being the most trusted stewards of the

But Conservative Central Office appears unfazed, proWORLD PROSPERITY LEAGUE WHICH COUNTRY... Netherlands 14 Australia Hong Kong Singapore 17 United Kingdom 18 Sweden New Zealand

Adverts placed by Labour, left, and the Tories argue their economic case

fessing itself delighted that Labour has been drawn on to the one subject on which it feels it can conceivably win the election. President Clinton has moved on to foreign policy as a potential secondterm winner. However, the risks for John Major of campaigning on peace in Bosnia or Northern Ireland are too

great to contemplate. So the

battle of the statistics has only just begun.

Statistics being as flexible a tool as they are - for every positive figure, there is an equally compelling negative qualification, for every negative, there is a positive way of looking at it — there is considerable ammunition for both sides.

Labour won the first round

ter who dismissed the figures as nonsense the morning after reproduced in Michael Heseltine's own paper on competi-tiveness in May. The startled Deputy Prime Minister was forced to admit on the BBC at lunchtime that the figures were, unfortunately, correct.

The only liberty that Lab-our took with the OECD's figures was to include Singapore and Hong Kong -- neither of which are in the OECD -above Britain in the rankings. This demoted the UK to 18th rather than 16th place. However, this adjustment was made after consultation with the International Monetary Fund and was given credibil-ity by the annual competitiveness scoreboard published by the World Economic Forum, an influential Swiss group. Its table placed the two Far Eastern powerhouses in second and third places respectively on its table of 48 countries. In this version of the statistical truth. Britain

The Treasury has understandably been rather dis-mayed about Mr Heseltine's championing of annual competitive reports because they tell a rather negative story.

also came 18th.

Knight, the Treasury Minis- When Central Office produced its own advertisement on Sunday, it ignored the whole issue, focusing instead on its own pot-pourri of positive statistics. All 14 items are as true as Labour's offering is impeccably sourced. But interpretation is the name of the game in economics.

It is true that Britain had the lowest unemployment rate of any major European country in 1995 - but only if you accord "major" status solely to Germany, France and Italy. If other economies are included, British unemployment is higher than that of The Netherlands. Luxembourg. Sweden, Norway, Portugal Switzerland and Austria.

enjoying the longest per-iod with low inflation for the past 50 years. But compare its record with the two "major" European economies. and Britain has had higher average inflation over the past half century than both Germany and France.

t is correct that Britain is

For their part, the Conser-vatives dismissed Labour's assault on competitiveness grounds as cheap rubbishing their achievements. The OECD may say that Britain has fallen behind, but there is

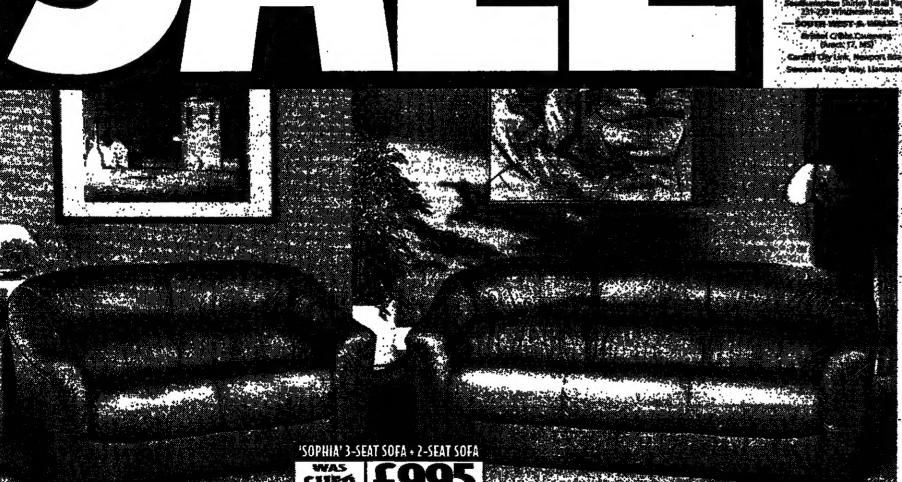
shout about which statistics may not reflect: its determination not to allow the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty and the minimum wage to destroy jobs; its suc-cessful assault on trade union power; its ability to attract foreign companies to Britain: the efficiency gains of privatisation.

For all that new Labour has dared to fight on the economy, the battle-lines are still quite traditional. Labour, with its accent on industry, investment and trading performance, has chosen competitiveness as its standard. The Conservatives are appealing to consumers, talking about low interest rates and low taxes. They had been planning their advertisement for some time but were alraid that its upbeat tone would provoke derisive laughter in a distinctly feel-bad electorate until now.

Whether these statistical blasts and counter-blasts become the stuff of bar-room debate or are dismissed as lies, damn lies and statistics" is a question the spin doctors will have to answer in due

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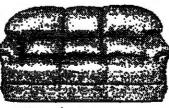




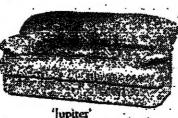


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ANNE POOLE, a lecturer, has won a competition in The Times for a £75 Marks & Spencer food voucher every

anything normally."

She adores the Marks & feature on her grocery list. Entrants were asked to

name the goddess of food: the

Handle chicken with care to cut poisoning risk

WEEKEND SHOPPING

A REPORT in Which? claiming that many Class A chickens are so poorly gutted that emphasises the importance of choosing chickens carefully and handling them hygienically at home.

Avoid chickens that show signs of bruising, thick skin or unplucked feathers. When unwrapping, check the body cavity for cleanliness, and wash your hands before handling other food or kitchen equipment. Keep the bird out of contact with other food and ensure that it is cooked thoroughly by following the guidelines on the packaging. Good nate the risk of food poisoning.

If you wish to turn to fish as an alternative, though, the week's best buy is herrings, which are plump and full of flavour at present, and low in price at 90p a pound. They are delicious grilled with a little lemon and olive oil, or dipped in oatmeal and shallow fried. Advertised supermarket pro-

motions include: Asda: fresh diced turkey thigh £2.18 a kg, fresh pork spare rib £2.39 a kg. fresh lamb shoulder £3.05 a kg, green seedless

love of food

week for a year. Ms Poole, 38, a mother of

three from Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, who lectures in history and politics at London University and Kingston University, said: "Brilliant That's quite something to win. I never win

Spencer chicken Kiev, which became a bestseller in the Seventies when its food department took off. Fine wines and smoked salmon will also

tomatoes 79p a punnet. Budgens: fresh 2.3kg chicken £3.39, broccoli 75p for 500g, traditionally made crumpets 23p for six.

Harrods: whole Scottish kip-pers £7.25 for 3.2kg box, sliced smoked salmon £18 for three 227g packets, freshly cooked lobsters £30 for four, beef biltong sticks £2.25 for 100g. Iceland: lower fat breaded cod £1.99 for 575g, boned kippers £1.49 for 680g, boneless chick-en breast £3.99 for 900g, turkey breast fillets £2.99 for 700g, treacle tart 99p for 320g. Marks & Spencer: chicken breast fillets in breadcrumb salmon £2.49 for 100g, frozen at sea cod in crumb £2.99 for 600g, apple tart £1.69 for 510g. Morrison's: fresh braising steak E4.38 a kg, fresh shoul-der of lamb E2.97 a kg, crumpets 39p for 12, Golden Delicious apples 29p a lb.

Safeway: braising steak £3.69 a kg. chicken fillets £3.99 for 900g, brisket of beef £3.99 a kg, white baps 63p for 12, red peppers 80p a lb, Granny Smith apples 38p a lb, cour-gettes 99p a lb, blue stilton £2.59 a lb.

Sainsbury's: large frozen chicken £1.85 each, minced beef and onion pies 79p for 400g, fish fingers £1.89 for 1.5kg, home grown potatoes 69p for 2.5kg, Conference pears 99p for 1.25 kg, Royai Gala apples El.19 for 12, diet yoghuris £1.99 for 12.

Somerfield: British pork belly rashers £2.17 a kg. Class A chickens El.74 a kg. gammon steaks £1.09 for two, minced beef and onion pie 39p.

Tesco: beef brisket slow roast £4.18 a kg. rump steak £7.38 a kg, boneless shoulder of pork £2.39 a kg, fresh whole roast chicken £3 a kg, Conference pears 39p a lb, baby sweetcorn £1.29 for 200g, crumpets 39p for ten.

Waitrose: Scottish roasting beef £2.49 lb. Aberdeen Angus roasting beef £2.99 a lb, farmhouse sausagemeat £1.39 for 450g, frozen North Atlantic prawns E3.89 for 400g, chilled raspberry trifle £1.25 for 397g. dairy vanilla ice-cream £2.19

ROBIN YOUNG

Dealers alerted to Nelson theft

BY A STAFF REPORTER

stolen diaries of Nelson's master gunner by circulating details to antique dealers all over Britain. The three volumes. written nearly 200 years ago, are believed to be worth tens of thousands of pounds.

They were taken a week ago in a raid on a Tyneside house but detectives believe that the burglars do not réalise the true worth of the documents and may throw them away. Officers from Northumbria Police are circulating information to antique and art dealers

across the country. A national network of antiquarian booksellers has alerted its members to the theft. The handwritten notes, which

POLICE hope to trace the contain details of Nelson's battle plans and documentation on his fleet's weapons. were stolen from Gordon Scullard, 61, of Whickham, Gateshead, a descendant of a South Shields mariner who served with Nelson.

The thieves took antique furniture including a locked bureau in which the diaries were kept. Mr Scullard said: "They are unique. No one knew we had them here." John Graves, of the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, said they were irreplaceable and Nelson memorabilia was likely to attract great interest from dealers before the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar in 2005.

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South Africa row over 'bugging' of police chiefs

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A ROW broke in South Africa yesterday over the bugging of senior police officers that has drawn in the National Intelligence Agency and Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy

The police service and I remain mystified as to who is behind this surveillance and why it was or is being done," said George Fivas, the national police commissioner, in a statement. "Other provincial commissioners have also re-ported various forms of surveillance," he added.

"All our efforts are supposed to be concentrated on fighting threats to South Africa's sec-urity — not each other."

The commissioner went on: Former hit-squad commander Dirk Coetzee stated to a police officer ... that he was tasked by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) to spy on me and other members of the police top structure." This was denied by the agency, which

said Mr Coetzee, an apartheid-era security policeman who delected to the African National Congress, "has never received instructions by the NIA to this effect.

We therefore reject any instructions to this effect as nothing more than mischiefmaking. It claimed Mr Coetzee fled the country before South Africa's elections in 1994, won by the ANC, and gave details of murders and other covert activities he said had been carried out by himself and colleagues. Mr Mbeki said the reports of spying were "disturbing", and he had convened a meeting of relevant Cabinet ministers

and heads of security agencies next week to discuss the issue. The ANC said the reports, first published yesterday morning by The Star newspaper in Johannesburg, appeared to be aimed at sowing divisions between security agencies. "The NIA and the

police remain committed to the same objective, the defence of our democracy ... the allegations can only be interpreted as an attempt to create a rift of mistrust between these two important services and thereby bring the integrity of both into question," the ANC

Both the ANC and the opposition National Party of F. W. de Klerk, the Second Deputy President, called for an inquiry into the reports.

Later this month the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up by the Govern-ment of national unity and chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, is to begin hearings into human rights crimes carried out during the apartheid era. It is suspected that the surveillance of senior officers in the police force, which has been totally restructured. could be linked to parties involved in such activities trying to cover their tracks.



Tagged by Darwin: a finch found in a wooden crate at a Melbourne museum

Darwin's bird in the hand

FROM ROGER MAINARD IN SYDNEY

A CHANCE find in the vaults of the Museum of Victoria in Melhourne was hailed yesterday as a priceless discovery and a coup for Australian science.

Two preserved birds - a finch and a tapacula, or hush hird - were uncovered in a wooden crate. Both were almost certainly tagged and preserved by Charles Darwin on his voyage around South America in the 1830s during his quest to prove the theory of evolution.

The two specimens even carried a label in Darwin's handwriting stating: "C. Dar-win Esq., 4 Jan 1837."

The museum's curator of omithology. Dr Les Christ-idis, said: "It's quite a coup for Australia." The pair of birds were "priceless". he added.

"Any material by Charles Darwin is pretty special, but to actually find them in an Australian museum is totally unexpected." Dr Christidis said. "You just couldn't put a

Questions for Briton over arms

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOM IS IN DELHI

A BRITISH pilot and five other crew members of a cargo plane that allegedly dropped weapons by parachute over a rural area of eastern India are being questioned by Indian intelligence agencies in prison in Calcutta.

The men have been remanded in custody until Monday, British intelligence officials have been asked for information about the background of the pilot. Peter Bleach, who lives in a farmhouse in North Yorkshire.

He was arrested with the Latvian crew members of an AN26 aircraft that aflegedly dropped rocket-propelled grenade launchers and at least 300 Kalashnikov rifles last month on to the village of Purulia in West Bengal.

K. Padmanabhaiah, the Indian Home Secretary, has reviewed investigations into the case, which government officials describe as an "international conspiracy". The authorities are searching for an Indian known as Randy who was supposedly the contact man in India for the arms deliveries.

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Charity's assets 'held' by Rwanda

Naîrobî: Rwanda denied yesterday that its troops stole vehicles and equipment from Medecins sans Frontieres, the French-based medical charity. A government spokesman said it was "temporarily holding" property of non-governmental organisations expelled last month to stop aid agency staff stealing it.

But the charity accused the Rwandan Army of stealing the equipment, worth more than £323,000. It was one of 38 foreign agencies, helping Rwanda to rebuild, ordered out last month. (Reuter)

Somali battle

Mogadishu: At least 12 people were killed and dozens wounded when Somali clan fighters attacked forces loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the warlord, in the town of Baidos. (Reuter)

Ransom call

San Jost: The Costa Rican Government fears for the safety of two women, a German tourist and a Swiss resident, abducted from a resort. The kidnappers have demanded a E645,000 ransom. (AFP)

Alcohol find

New York: Tests on alcohol found in the captain's body recovered three days after last month's jet crash in Colombia should determine if it was consumed or resulted from a chemical reaction. (Reuter)

Chechen blast

Moscow: Separatists in Chechenia blew up a Russian armoured carrier near a military checkpoint, killing a Russian soldier. A shootout followed the blast near Grozny. the capital, Tass said. (Reuter)

Vintage brain

Frankfurt: Josef Jacobs, a wine expert, declared himself the world's oldest student after completing a university doctorate just before his 100th birthday. His thesis is on the Rhine in literature. (AFP)

US warned by Peking on visa for **Taiwanese**

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA last night cautioned America against issuing a visa to Li Yuan-zu, the Taiwanese Vice-President, or to interfere in its interpretation of human

In an apparent effort to forestall another Sino-American clash over Taiwan, Peking pointedly reminded the US that it should act in accordance with the three joint communiqués both countries have signed. These state that there is only one China, the

People's Republic of China. The reminder came in the wake of Taiwan's application to Washington for a transit visa for its Vice-President to stop briefly on his way to attend the inauguration of the President of Guatemala. The unofficial visit of Lee Tenghui, the Taiwanese President, to his alma mater, Cornell University, last June caused a sharp downturn in Peking's relations with Washington that have only recently begun

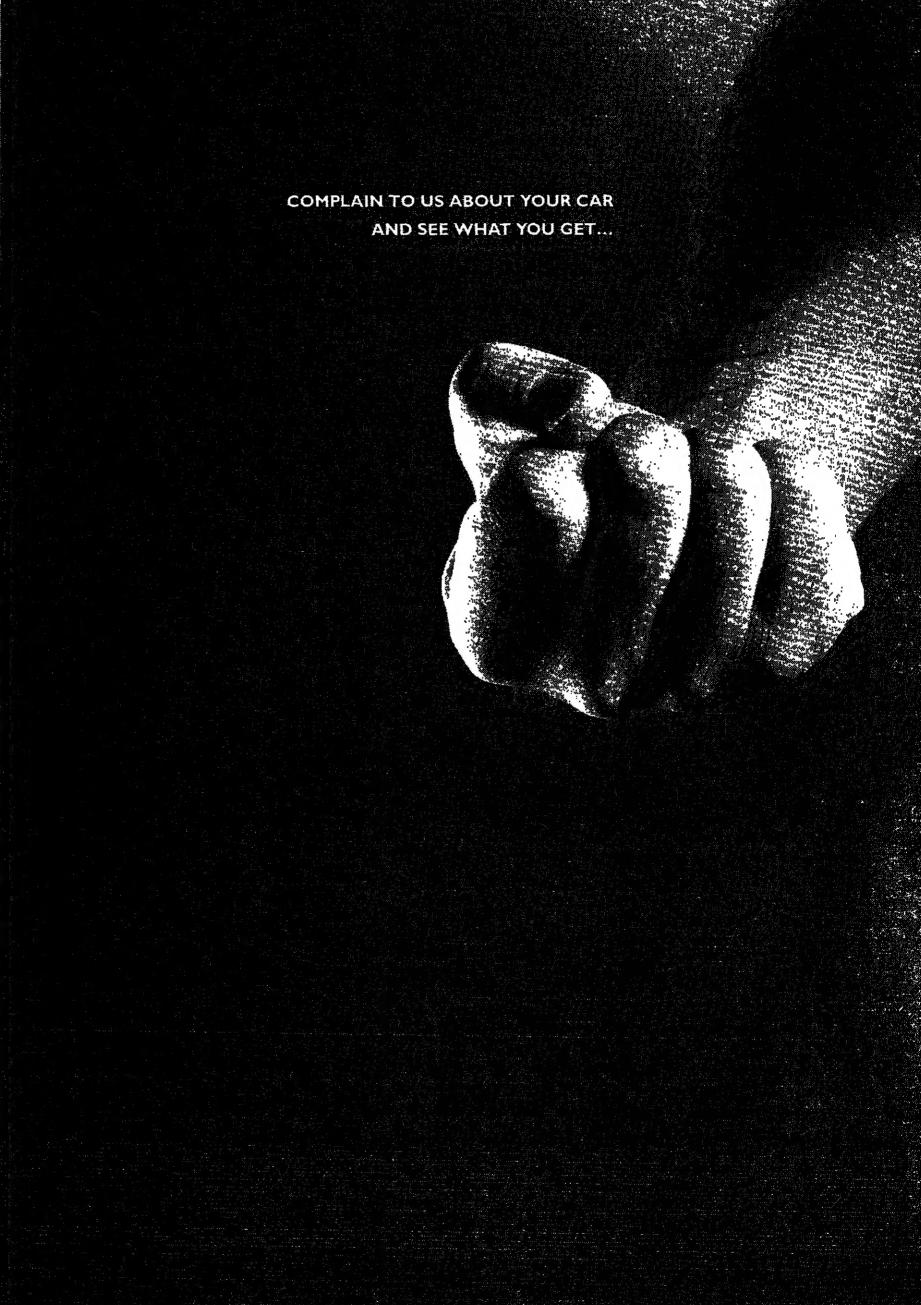
to recover In Washington, the State Department confirmed that it was considering Taiwan's latest request for a visa.

Chen Jian, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman. said yesterday when asked about the request that China opposed the island's attempt for independence. Commenting on Senegal's decision to establish relations with Taiwan, Mr Chen said China had severed relations with the West African state because it had betrayed its agreement to recognise Peking as the sole legitimate representative of China when the two sides established ties in 1971.

Taiwan said it had resumed ties with Senegal, bringing to 3) the number of countries recognising the island instead of mainland China.

☐ Rifkind trip: China voiced hopes that the visit next week of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, would add impetus to the recent improvement in ties, especially over Hong Kong. (AFP)

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America offers \$2m for Burma drug rebel

FROM REUTER IN BANGKOK

THE United States has offered a \$2 million (£1.3 million) reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Khun Sa, the Burmese opium warlord, who is widely believed to have reached a peace deal with the Government in Rangoon.

The rebel leader has been indicted in the United States on drug trafficking charges. An American embassy official said yesterday: "In an effort to bring Khun Sa to justice, the United States Government has authorised a

reward of up to \$2 million for information leading to his arrest and conviction." Former guerrilla colleagues say that Khun Sa is now in his jungle headquarters under the protection of Burmese troops, who arrived without

resistance on Monday. The official said: "We consider it the duty of the Burmese authorities to bring Khun Sa to justice and the Burmese Government has consistently stated that they consider Khun Sa a criminal." Former guerrilla colleagues

speculate that Khun Sa has agreed to give up his war and strongholds in exchange for some sort of amnesty for his troops, and possibly for himself. But a Burmese government official said yesterday there was no question of Khun Sa avoiding the law.

Khun Sa denies being a heroin producer or trafficker and says he merely taxed opium traders travelling through his zone of control in the northeast Burmese state of

Shan. Singapore: Ten members of an international drugs trafficking syndicate have been arrested here, a Central Narcoties Bureau spokesman said yesterday. (Reuter)

Political outrage as Tories defend 'balancing act' between free speech and trade

Saudi dissident to fight deportation in High Court

A SAUDI dissident who faces deportation to the Caribbean island of Dominica said yes-terday that he would take his fight to remain in Britain to the High Court

Dr Muhammad al-Masari condemned the Home Office's decision to refuse his claim for asylum in Britain. "It's a shrewd trick but not very dignified. It's a pity that a country which has traditions of democracy going back to Magna Carta is slowly giving away all those standards of dignity and character." Dr Masari said at a Commons news conference.

"Of course, this is an attempt to silence me but I intend to stay here and fight in a dignified way. We will continue to fight for our country from here, God forbid from Dominica, or from the Moon if necessary." he added.

The deportation order came after pressure on the British Government from the Saudi regime, the US Administration and British arms companies. Saudi Arabia bought £1.5 billion of British goods in 1994 and the Al-Yamamah arms contract, signed in 1985, secures thousands of long-

term British jobs. Dr Masari described his reaction when a letter came from the Home Office giving him ten days to appeal or leave the country. "When I

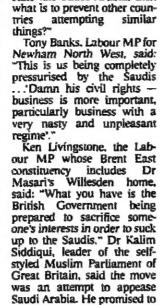
received the paper it was shocking, because I would have expected some substanrive explanation of the issues involved. I would have thought it would have taken several years to sort all this out." he said.

Dr Masari applied for political asylum in Britain in April 1994, after escaping from Saudi Arabia via Yemen. A government attempt to deport him to Yemen was blocked by the Immigration Appeals Tribunal on the ground that his life would be in danger.

Dr Masari left his job as a rofessor of physics at King Fahd University, Riyadh, in 1993 to set up the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights in Saudi Arabia. The organisation, which attacked corruption within the regime. was outlawed and Dr Masari was arrested, imprisoned and allegedly tortured for six

"My home was raided and they took me away to prison. They beat me with bamboo sticks and spat in my face. I did not fear for my life while I was in jail, but I am sure now that if I went back I would be executed," he said. Dr Masari. 49, said he believed Dominica was a pleasant country, but he had no desire to live there.

He criticised Ann Widdecombe, a Home Office Minister, for suggesting that if he



sands of British jobs.

the appeal failed. Sir Ivan Lawrence. Tory chairman of the Commons Home Affairs Committee, said: "We have to strike a balance. Most people would say that if foreigners want to come to this country they are very welcome, but they can't use this country as a base for causing a great deal of ill-feeling to friends. We cannot allow our friends to be insult-One of the bulletins on Saudi events by the Committee ed by somebody who has come for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, who mix fact, rumour and libel, enraging the Saudi royal family here simply to make

continue Dr Masari's work if



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Muhammad al-Masari, the campaigner against the Saudi Royal Family who is to be expelled from Britain under the new hardline policy of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, leaves his north London headquarters yesterday for a Commons press conference

Britain shuts door on fundamentalists

MICHAEL HOWARD'S order for the expulsion of Muhammad al-Masari, the Saudi Islamic dissident, marks a watershed in British policy. it also sends a signal to a large number of Muslim exites in London: the Government will not allow Britain to become a haven for Islamic

The Home Secretary made the move because the dissidents' activities were in danger of jeopardising thousands of British jobs. On a visit to Saudi Arabia in November, Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary. was berated over Dr Masari's activities in London, and British businessmen expressed fears that export

orders were being lost as a result. For the past two years, the Government has been increasingly vexed by the influx of dissidents from Egypt. Algeria, Tunisia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf. Most are virulent opponents of their governments, and have either escaped from prison, are under sentence or face arrest if they return. Once in Britain, many have applied for asylum, and while awaiting a decision have used the network



Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, assesses the Home Secretary's action in enforcing a "not welcome" rule against leading Islamic militants who are campaigning from their exile in London

against their governments

The dissidents' calls for an Islamic state envisage a return to a puritanical enforcement of Sharia (Islamic law) with its provision for draconian punishments for theft and adultery. the scrapping of pluralist democracy and enforced seclusion of women.

Middle East governments have been outraged, Most consider themselves friendly to Britain and generally pro-Western. They are engaged, to varying degrees, in a political strug-gle with Islamic activists, who oppose Western influence and political links with America and Europe. They cannot therefore understand why Britain's Conservative Government not only tolerates the radicals' presence in London, but also maintains that it has no power to curb their political activities here as long as they do not break British law.

Relations with Tunisia have been bedevilled by Britain's granting of asyium to Rashido Ghannoushi, an Islamic activist who heads the banned al-Nahda Islamic party and was convicted by a Tunisian court of responsibility for a bomb blast that blew the foot off a British tourist.

Bahrain was furious that three pro-Iranian Muslim dergy who were expelled after widespread rioting and demonstrations arrived in Britain. having unexpectedly switched their tickets. Within a week Bahrain's Foreign Minister flew to London to persuade the Government not to grant them asylum. Egypt has also

denounced the presence in London of Islamic activists. In particular two prominent opponents of President Mubarak. He gave a warning in November that Britain would pay "a very high price" for granting asylum to Muslim militants. For Britain, bowever, the two real

challenges have come from Algeria and Saudi Arabia. France has publicly called on Britain to do more to suppress the activities of Algerian militants. Saudi Arabia has recently stepped up pressure on London over dissidents in Britain, shaken by the bomb attack on the beadquarters of the National Guard, which killed six

people including four Americans.

The barrage of criticism from Arab governments led John Major last year to promise that Britain would take vigorous new unspecified measures against militants. Last night, Arab ambassadors welcomed the move against Dr Masari as the first step in making London a more hostile environment for Islamic

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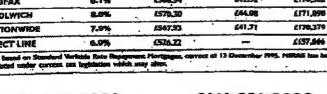


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Middle Eastern activists 'funded by exile tycoon'

By Ben Macintyre and Stewart Tendler

A SAUDI ARABIAN millionaire is suspected of channel-Islamic militants in London which may have bankrolled French terrorist bombings, according to security sources in Paris and London yesterday.

Scotland Yard anti-terrorist sources said the cash was ostensibly intended for the publication of a fundamentalist newspaper but some of the money is thought to have been passed to the Algerian groups waging a terror campaign across France.

Police suspect the fundamentalists' benefactor is Oussama ibn-Laden, the scion of one of the richest families in Saudi Arabia. He has been linked to the French attacks after the arrest of an Algerian now awaiting extradition from Britain to France.

The elusive Saudi tycoon, who lives in Sudan, has provided backing for various fundamentalist groups for more than a decade. He is thought to have acted on behalf of Iranians, Libyans and other Saudi dissidents.

Mr ibn-Laden, 40, sent cash to Rachid Ramda, organiser of al-Ansar, a newsletter of the radical Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA) published in London. The newspaper is distributed at mosques in Britain and has been reported to the Crown Prosecution Service

for racial incitement. sponsibility for the recent

bombings in France. The funds began to appear in London about two years ago and increased until they reached \$500 (£320) a month

at one point last year. Mr ibn-Laden has been a target of interest for several Western intelligence agencies since they first confirmed that he had established a base in Khartoum. Sudan's Islamic Government has turned a deaf ear to Western requests for the extradition of wanted men living in the country. French intelligence agents travelled to Khartoum to kidnap the leading terrorist, Carlos the Jackal. Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, in

August 1994. Mr Ramda, 26, was arrested in London on Novem-



Carlos kidnapped by

ber 4 at the request of Paris and awaits extradition to France. He was remanded in custody at Belmarsh Magistrates' Court, south London,

yesterday until March 1. Described by the French press as the "mastermind" of the attacks, Mr Ramda is alleged to have passed on funds to Islamic terrorist units in France, enabling them to rent flats and purchase bomb

Mr ibn-Laden, 40, who was

deprived of his Saudi citizen-

ship in 1993, has been linked with numerous radical Islamic groups in the past. His family's fortune was amassed by building mosques. In the early 1980s, Mr ibn-Laden provided support for Muja-hidin guerrillas fighting Soviet forces in Afghanistan. According to French newspaper reports yesterday, young Algerian volunteers keen to join the Afghan guerrillas had their passage paid by the man known as the jihad's banker". Mr ibn-Laden was in the Afghan refugee camps at Peshawar, on the

1980s where he allegedly made contact with the Iran-backed Hezbollah extremist group.
After the defeat of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, many the Algerian volunteers collectively known as "The Afghans" returned to Algeria where they formed a militant

border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, in the early

Israelis to free Hamas militants

FROM REUTER

ISRAEL agreed yesterday to free jailed members of Hamas, the Islamic militant group which opposes Israeli-PLO peace moves, before the Palestinian elections on January 20, a Palestinian negotia-

Nabil Shaath, a former member of the self-rule Palestinian Authority who is negotiating the release of prisoners. said after meeting David Libai, the Israeli Justice Minister, on the Israeli-Gaza border, that Israel would free more than 1,200 immates soon. Those released would include

Hamas members. Israel freed some Hamas prisoners after it signed its first peace deal with the PLO in 1993, but has excluded members of the group from subsequent releases since Hamas and Islamic Jihad killed scores of Israelis in suicide

bombings. Meanwhile, Bassam Eid, a Palestinian member of the B tselem Israeli human rights group who was jailed for 24 hours by PLO police, said yesterday that Yassir Arafat's autonomy government was no better than the Israeli regime it replaced. He vowed to Mingle Currence

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continue his activities. ☐ Washington: The United States is investigating whether Israel sold China American technology to build an advanced fighter without Washington's permission, the State Department said. (Reuter)

'Newtron bomb' fall-out changes slang

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IF AN American goes berserk at work it is known as going postal, a term coined from the number of shootings by frustrat-ed workers at US post offices. But keep your anger under control and you could have a high EQ or emotional

Stay glued to a computer and you risk becoming a mouse polato. Get divorced young and you will have survived a starter marriage.

Original words and phrases are spewing forth, according to the American Dialect Society, which has just conducted its annual roundup. The most mega-

changing lifestyles and humour all contribute buzzwords to live by.

Armed with their lists, the society's members — some 60 professors of English, philologists and linguists — met in Chicago to pick their Words of the Year that most aptly characterised current discourse and preoccupations.

This year's first place, announced yesterday, was a tie between World Wide Web, the multimedia network, and Newt, as in Newt Gingrich. The House Speaker's first name has appeared in phrases poking fun at him. They include: Newtspeak Newt World Order, Newtron bomb. Newtie Boy and Newt kids on the

bytes of new words come from computers, but medical breakthroughs, politics, EQ was chosen as most useful new phrase. starter marriage as most outra-geous and going postal as most original.

That left a lot of runners-up. Among them: smoking bed for sexual misconduct that destroys a political career, nastygram for unwelcome messages on the Internet, and zone out for mindless relaxation. Officials who stick close to President Clinton, especially during photo sessions, are Velcroids. Gaydar is the

ability of homosexuals to spot others. Every year there are probably 10,000 freshly minted words or phrases worth noting, according to David Barnhart, publisher of The Barnhart Dictionary Companion, a quarterly of new usages. aurani op I ren

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE mysterious death last week of Jean Schillinger, one of France's top chefs, renowned for inventing some of the most aromatic sauces in French cuisine, is believed to have involved crime.

Schillinger, 61, president of the Association of French Master Chefs, died when his famous restaurant in Alsace, awarded two Michelin stars. was destroyed by fire two days after Christmas.

The police initially assumed that the fire was an accident. but after combing through the burnt-out rubble of the Jean Schillinger Restaurant in Colmar they began to suspect that the death of the patron was far from accidental. On Wednesday, the Colmar magistrate classed the case as "arson leading to death".

The chef died of asphyxiation in his flat over the restaurant. He had spent Christmas at another home, but he always stayed in the flat

above his restaurant, alone, on the eve of reopening after a holiday to get an early start in his kitchen. At 5am on the day of the fire, Schillinger was woken by security guards who had been alerted by a burglar alarm in the restaurant. Wit-nesses said Schillinger twice appeared on the balcony of his flat as the fire spread, then

vanished inside. Neighbours reported hearing the sound of breaking glass just before the fire started and investigators discovered a large stone amid the rubble which police believe was used to break a downstairs window. Jean-Pierre Laffitte, the magistrate in charge of the case, said other "strong and convergent" clues has been discovered, "Foul play is strongly suspected but cannot be established for certain. The sounding of the alarm does not prove the presence of a person in the

set off by the flames or something else." M Laffitte

Many stars of French gastronomy attended Schillinger's funeral in Strasbourg Cathedal. Paul Bocuse, the master chef, described him as one of the grand masters. The police in Colmar said

that Schillinger had been the

object of bitterness, but M Laffine refused to say whether he had received any death threats. French cuisine is a competitive business, but Schillinger, a welcoming host famed for his smoked duck liver ravioli and fole gras with truffles, had few known enemies. His colleagues have expressed bafflement that anyone would destroy his restaurant, let alone kill its owner. Maña gangs have established protection rackets in other parts of the French restaurant business but Colmar remains a quiet city with



restaurant, was widely acclaimed for his aromatic sauces

Fit to burst on trail of a four-star hoax to deflate Michelin

FROM KATE MUIR IN PARIS

IT was an unprepossessing four-line entry in the 1996 Michelin Guide, but it would change the course of culinary history: "**** Vivarois, 192 Avenue Victor Hugo, Closed August Saturdays and Sundays. Lunch 345 francs. à la carte 400-700 francs. Specialities: fondant of vegetables with olive puree, stuffed and braised squash. turbot with celeriac."

The four tiny stars which accompanied the entry — published in a sneak preview in a French magazine — set the teeth gnashing of Paris's jealous chefs. Vivarois is the first restaurant, not only in Paris, but the universe, to be awarded four Michelin stars. Five restaurants in Paris have three "worth a special journey" stars.

suddenly, the once "unpretentious" Vivarois, whose previous ratings varied between two and three stars, was thrust into the international limelight. As an investigative journalist, it seemed sensible to make an immediale reservation for lunch. The chef, Claude Peyrot, they said, would not be

stays in the kitchen." Clutching my computer printout on the Great Peyrot, I dived in a taxi, and arrived in the restaurant - kitted out with white plastic bucket chairs that had not changed much since M

able to talk: "He is an artisan. He

Peyrot and his wife Jacqueline opened in 1966. I took hold of a menu, but just as I pondered the "leek mousse with fresh tomato coulis, the waiter snatched it away and announced that the chef would be providing a special tasting.

It began with a minuscule croissant filled with anchovy puree, moved onto a perfect cluster of vegetables in coriander vinaigrette, paused for a delicate slice of roasted red pepper mousse, topped with two raviolis filled with fresh lobster, continued with a truffle cushioned in flaky pastry, and triumphed with a slice of fish in cream sauce, which although delicious, was too much. I refused the cheese board.

As I paused for stomach space, the head waiter approached. "It's not true, you know. It's a hoas," Feeling like a deflated souffle. I trapped the chef. The hoax was confirmed. Back at the office, I phoned Michelin: "We never, ever, award anyone four starand never will," said a spokesman.

The man who started the story was Périco Légasse, food critic of L'Evénement du Jeudi. You went there?" he hooted, "it was a joke to give the Michelin Guide a good shaking up, since it's got so stuffy.

Oleksy: was very close to former Soviet agent

Polish PM 'was naive' about spy

FROM REUTER IN WARSAW

JOZEF OLEKSY, the Polish Prime Minister, fighting off allegations that he spied for Moscow, has acknowledged that he made a mistake in keeping close personal con-

tacts with a Russian agent. But he reiterated that the ntacts did not involve spying and that he was innocent. He had earlier accused Poland's secret services of fabricating evidence that he was a former Soviet mole.

Too intimate a friendship with such an acquaintance is imprudent. I know this today," Mr Oleksy said in a television interview on Wednesday night. "But you cannot put an equals sign between this acquaintance and today's interpretations by the secret services.

Mr Oleksy indirectly admitted that his friendship with Vladimir Alganov, a Moscow diplomat and an intelligence officer in Warsaw in 1981-92, was very close. In Moscow, Mr Alganov said on Tuesday the Polish Prime Minister had been "of no

interest to the Soviet Union". Mr Oleksy, a former senior communist official, has accused former President Walesa of using the case for political revenge. Mr Walesa was defeated in the November presidential elections by another former communist.

Nato and US win Bosnians' release

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FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SABAJEVO

SIXTEEN Bosnian civilians held captive by Bosnian Serb foes were freed yesterday after Nato and the United States put pressure on the Serbs.

The first three to be released yesterday morning said they were beaten with pistols and held in a small bathroom for several days. Thirteen others were later handed over to French Nato troops from the Kula prison near Lukavica.

Their release comes as President Clinton plans to visit US troops in Bosnia in the next two weeks. Washington had protested to President Milosevic of Serbia over the abduction eight days ago of the 16 in Ilidza, west of Sarajevo.

Their arrests were an overt violation of the American-

Belgrade: A dog. Dena, walked 300 miles across Croatia for four months and found its owners, the Radanovic family, on New Year's Eve in Serbia. The family fled Petrinja, Croin August. Dena found them in Ruma, near Belgrade. (AFP)

brokered Dayton peace accord and greatly embarrassed Nato, which initially said that it was not its mandate to protect Bosnian civilians encouraged to use roads opened across ethnic areas.

As Muslims refused to venture into Serb territory, the Bosnian Government accused Nato of shirking its responsibility towards civilians. The US State Department demanded the release of those detained and Nato officials conducted talks to secure their freedom.

Yesterday, in what could be the first deliberate attack on Nato troops, an Italian soldier was shot on duty in Vogosca, a Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo due to be returned to govern-ment control. Other Nato casualties so far have involved landmines.

Aleksander Kwasniewski. **Doubts grow in Paris** over single currency

TWO sacred cows of government thinking came under attack this week as prominent figures from both sides of the political spectrum voiced growing doubts about France's ability to meet Maastricht criteria for European currency union and the stabil-

The deficit-cutting drive for a single currency and the priority of the German alliance have become twin articles of faith for most of the French elite. By suggesting they may be in danger, commentators are beginning to

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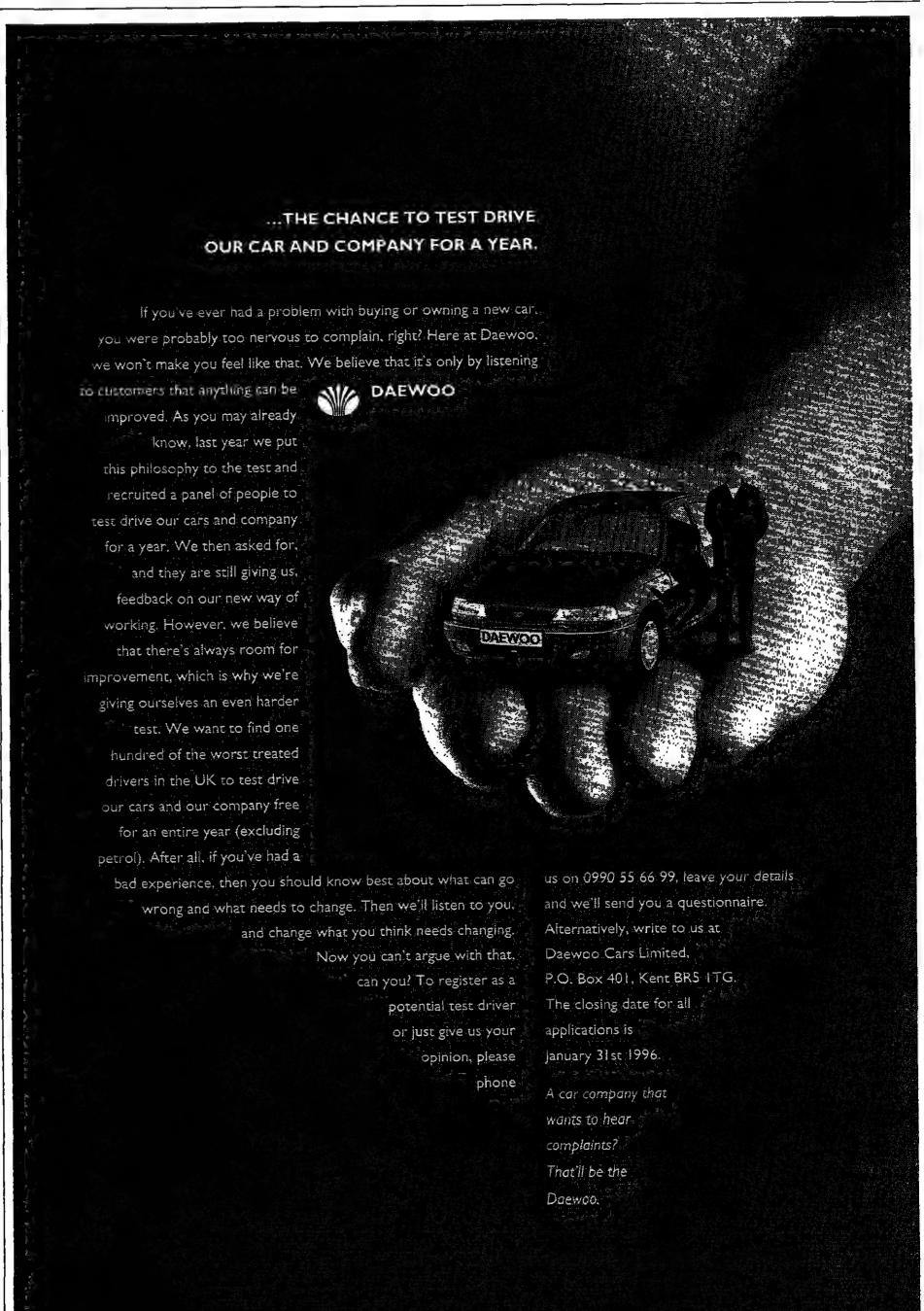
say the unsayable. Writing in Le Nouvel Observateur magazine this week, Jacques Delors, the former European Commission President, said: "Let us have the courage to recognise that the real danger today is not so much the risk of a Euro-British crisis as that of a Franco-German split." By oscillating between a

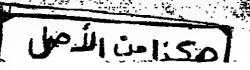
British-style reflex in defence of sovereignty and German federalist ambitions, France "runs the risk of discouraging those German leaders who have ..fs2 shown their allegiance to a European Germany rather than a German Europe," he added, insisting only a "European federation of nation states" can accommodate the ambitions of France and Germany.

article in the International Herald Tribune yesterday, the Gaullist MP Pierre Lellouche wondered: "Can France ... balance its finances, stimulate growth and employment, carry out structural reforms and cut by half the budget deficit, all in the span of three years?"

At the same time, in an

If currency union is scuppered, he said, "the balance of power between Germany and France would be profoundly transformed, with damaging consequences for the future of Europe".





A stalker's victim tells her story

Julia Llewellyn Smith can sympathise with Madonna. She, too, endured the uninvited attentions of an obsessive admirer, and can never feel the same about men

c threatened to "slice her throat from ear to ear", he broke into her house in the Hollywood Hills. He told her he loved her, that he wanted to be her husband. and threatened to kill her if he couldn't have her.

I never thought the day would come when I would pity the loud-mouthed Madonna, but reading about her appearance in court on the opening day of the trial of her alleged stalker, Robert Dewey Hoskins, I not only sympathised with her, I empathised.

My story is much less dramatic. No threats were made, I am sure I was never in it still distresses me to remember my experience. No wonder Madonna is still haunted by

nightmares I was 20 and in my second year at university. Alan was a student who lived in the same neighbourhood. On paper he was the perfect man: goodlooking, trendy and extremely clever. When he started talk-ing to me in the lunch queue I was flattered by his obvious interest. I didn't have a boyfriend and he seemed to be an ideal candidate.

Almost instantly, however, I changed my mind. Despite his looks and charm, there was something spookily uncritical about Alan's admiration. He nodded open-mouthed as I spoke, laughed hysterically at my jokes and gazed at me adoringly through glazed eyes.

invited me to a dinner party and I met his girlfriend Nicola, who had come down from London for the weekend. Nicola was pretty and adored Alan. But he ignored her, choosing instead to sit by my side like a drooling puppy, even though I was unfriendly and clearly miserable. I left early, never thanked him and hoped he would get the

As the academic year went on, however. Alan showed no

> He wrote a 40-page letter: 'I know we are meant to be'

sign of letting up. He had an uncanny awareness of where to find me. In the launderette he would pop out from behind a rumble dryer and ask if he could help me to fold my washing. In the Co-op he would be moothing by the cold cabinets with an empty basket. I was polite, but cold. If I saw him coming, I would turn abruptly and march off. Alan was undeterred.

One night I came home late to my shared house to learn from a friend that Alan had turned up earlier and, hearing

I was out, announced he was going to wait. My friend told him she had to work and he would do better to leave a note. He insisted he would be no trouble, then spent the rest of the evening interrupting her to discuss how wonderful I was. Eventually she kicked him out, and he left a message under my door saying he would be back the following night. After that Alan began to turn up virtually every eve-

book he thought I might enjoy, and once a scalpel to help me to take part in the university newspaper paste-up. I never let him in, always saying that I was just about to go to bed. Alan never questioned this, even when it was 8pm, I was fully dressed and the house was rocking with music. Friends began to comment on how he seemed hypnosised when he spoke to me. I gave back the presents. The following day, they would reappear in my pigeon-hole in college.
You should be flattered

making me unhappy. He was in love with a fantasy and my real personality was irrelevant. The more I ignored him, the more his obsession grew.

After a fortnight, I was getting nervous. One by one my friends were leaving for the holidays and I did not want to stay in the house alone. For the last week I slept

friends said. But how could I

be? Alan did not know me, he

did not care that he was

On my last morning, I got



up at 7am and returned to the house to pack for a weekend in Paris with my mother. At 7.30am my doorbell rang. I felt as if I had been hit in the stomach. I ignored it and went

The doorbell rang again, and again. I was alone on the top floor. I peeked out of my

window and saw Alan on the doorstep, holding an enor-mous bunch of roses. I ducked out of sight. The ringing continued. Then I heard footsteps coming up the stairs. I slammed my door and locked it. Seconds later Alan was

he was shouting. "Let me in." I that was illogical and unpre-was terrified. The door was dictable. strong but Alan was a large man. I said nothing, and the pounding continued for about ten minutes. Then it stopped, and I heard him go back downstairs.

The telephone was on the ground floor. I flung open the window to call for help and saw Alan talking to a builder. He had been working in our hallway, had seen me come in earlier and must have let Alan in. "I know she's there somewhere," I heard him say. "She's playing hard to get." Instantly, Alan was thunder-ing up the stairs again.

This continued all morning. I could not leave my room, I could not telephone and I was too scared to shout from the window in case Aian heard me. I reasoned that if I kept quiet he would give up.

wanted to do was speak to me, but I still felt vulnerable. In a year I had probably spoken to never encouraged him. I had never been alone with him. Yet he was behaving like an

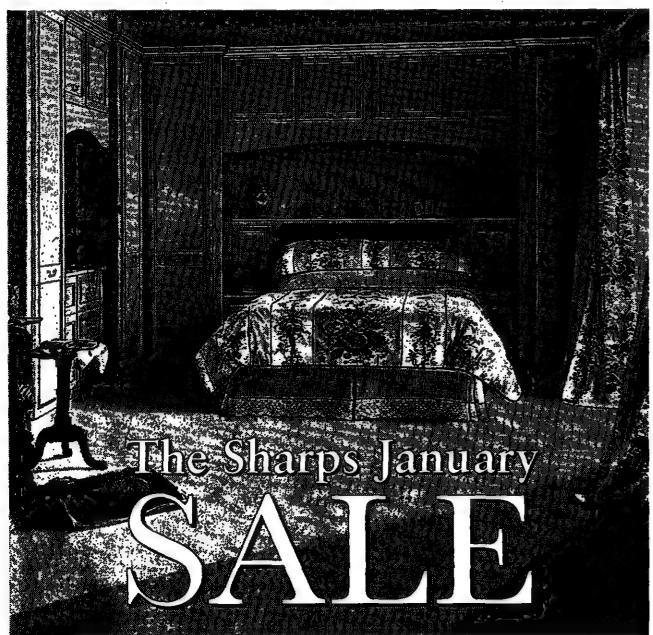
I was saved eventually by my landlady, who came up the stairs for her daily snoop. I rushed out of my room in tears, and Alan dashed through my open door and deposited the flowers on my desk. He was ordered to leave and was finally marched out by the guilty builder. I was locked, crying, in the bath-room. When I came out I read the note with the flowers. "I love you," it said.

went to Paris, where I spent a jumpy weekend spotting Alan lookalikes on every boulevard. On return, a 40-page letter was waiting. "I have always loved you, I know we are meant to be, he wrote. He had split up with Nicola because of me and had spent every night of the window with binoculars, trying to get a glimpse of me in saying that if I heard from him would contact the

I never reported Alan to my college. I was spending the next academic year abroad, and when I returned he had gone. Perhaps I was making a russ about nothing. Unlike Madonna's stalker, Alan had never threatened to harm me. But then, unlike Madonna. I had no bodyguards, electric fences or buildogs to keep him

The whole incident left me feeling guilty and ashamed. I was sure that I must have been responsible for what had happened. Maybe I had given Alan the wrong impression. Maybe I had been too friendly when I first met him. Maybe I had not rejected him forcibly

As a result, my behaviour towards men has changed for the worse. I am rejuctant to be pleasant to any strange man in case my behaviour is misinterpreted. I overreact to the slightest sign of unwanted years later, if my doorbeil



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Maurice Saatchi finds his voice

or years, the mastermind behind some of the most successful advertising campaigns in history has been avoiding interviews. With some reluctance, he has lifted the veil on his enigmatic personality

IT IS exactly one year to the day since I did not interview Maurice Saarchi. He had just said goodbye to the company bearing his name: a shaken soul, but not shaken enough to dislodge his insistence on never being interviewed or quoted. A year on, we go through the same charade.

There must be no interview (the I-word). I must not root it in time or place. I must not say (he dictates): "Maurice leaned back in his chair and gazed out of the window ... " It is hard to tell whether he is being serious, sometimes, as he strikes these poses - an uneasy alliance of arrogance and diffidence. He claims that answering questions will make him break out in a terrible rash. He has evolved this neurosis about being quoted. How does he get away with it? How does he always get away with everything?

Let us look at the facts. A year ago, nobody could foresee what would become of him. David Herro, the Chicago fund-manager who instigated the boardroom coup against Maurice, might have been right. Clients and creative talents might have stayed with the old company. Maurice might have sat in his little office named "Dress Rehearsal" in Davies Street, looking dolefully out of the window through his enormous glasses.

As it turned out, this new year — his fiftieth — starts cheerily. His old friends have proved loyal. The new British Airways campaign was launched yesterday. He finds himself laughing more than for years. As he likes to say: Saatchi is more than a company, it's an attitude." After the debacle, the Saatchi name ("a bloody good name, so bizarre nobody will forget it" — Charles Saatchi) is the only unfinished business. A legal battle, when the old company tried to stop M and C from using their own name, was

settled last summer. The brothers agreed not to solicit old clients or staff for six months. Their old company became Cordiant pic, but retained the Saatchi & Saatchi name for subsidiaries. To have two competitors under the Saatchi name is absurd. Mau-rice has sald: "I do take some pride - not boasting. I hope -in reflecting how few British brand names have become famous all over the world. Saatchi is a great brand name."
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pink herringbone tweed wallcovering - is not quite the Saatchi taste. Already they have outerown it.

The story of the brothers 17 years of aggrandisement has been often told. By 1986 they handled 5 per cent of the world's advertising. Then they over-reached themselves: they swallowed Ted Bates, then attempted to take over the Midland Bank in a hubristic

folie de grandeur. Now, while old Saatchi languishes, the new Saatchi agency has succeeded in regaining British Airways, Dixons, the Mirror Group, Gallaher, Qantas and Pfizer accounts, and taken on several more, including PPP. Sekonda, Alamo Rent-a-Car, Head, Glaxo Wellcome ...

So Maurice and his wife, Josephine Hart, still have their three houses: Mayfair.

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INTERVIEW

Sussex, the South of France.

Christmas passed quietly in

People were astonished, last

year, when Maurice exposed

himself to the scrutiny of

Desert Island Discs. He had

never done a broadcast of any

kind before. He agreed to it, at

the third time of asking.

because Josephine - Irish.

voluble, warm, passionate -

insisted, on the grounds that it

thought he could get away

with picking records and talk-

ing about them, but discov-

ered that he had to explain

each choice with a confession-

al revelation. A certain jazz

record had erotic power: his

elder brothers would play it

when entertaining girls in their rooms. The Bach Double

Violin Concerto was his for-

mer father-in-law's favourite. Surabaya Johnny, the song of unrequited love by Kurt Weill,

is what Josephine insists on

playing after Sunday hunch.

why the pro-gramme is so

magnetic. He

of Nathan Saatchi - who brought his family from Baghdad in 1947, when Maurice was one - singing in Hebrew at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in Maida Vale happy. (All four sons have "lost their religion".)
Sue Lawley lobbed at Maurice the memorable first line of

And he included a recording

his wife's first novel: "Damaged people are dangerous. They know they can survive." Was this true of him, she asked? "Yes. I think it's a most Lawley's view was that he

was now motivated by revenge, like Harnlet. Maurice pointed out that Hamler's revenge involved losing his own life: "I would hate to think

But getting the British Airways account back was, indeed, sweet revenue, Four agencies pitched for the account: the others were old Saatchi & Saatchi (known at M&C Saatchi as "Oldco"). J. Walter Thompson, and Bartle Bogle Hegarty. M & C won it, a campaign worth £100 million over two years. Tim Duffy is the young creative genius behind the first ad. ex-Cambridge, explained to me his concept: British Airways ads have always emphasised scale and size, with crowd scenes and big statements such as 'every year we bring the equivalent of Manhattan across the Atlantic ... But an airline has to

communicate its personal. people-related side: customer service and sensitivity. Every moment, 15,000 people are in the air flying British Airways. Each passenger has hopes, dreams, ambitions, and we explore that human angle."

(I try to forget the time in 1986 that we, with hopes, dreams and four small children, were bumped off a British Airways flight on a Bank Holiday for no better reason than that they had routinely overbooked the flight; when someone mentioned this to Lord King on our behalf his response was: "Tough.")

But that was reality, this is advertising. We shall see the new BA commercial this weekend, along with half a billion other people on six continents. It is certainly clever, a very 1990s commercial.

The mysterious alchemy of the advertising world is all to do with romance. This is why the old Saatchi & Saatchi loyalists, and the rising newcorners like Duffy, resigned on principle, and followed Maurice. Herro thought the "ami-

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An unlikely mixture of arrogance and diffidence - Maurice Saatchi claims that an interview can bring him out in a terrible rash

would get into the boat and would lie down beside me. I

would look up at the blue sky

But then, surely, he would

wake up from this adman's

dream, alone and sadder than

gos" who had been with the brothers since time began -Jeremy Sinclair (creative guru who devised the pregnant Bill Muirhead and David Kershaw - would never walk away from their fat-cat accoutrements, pensions, chauffeured cars, and so on. But they did. Sinclair wrote in his resignation letter: "I am not leaving the company. The

company has left me." Maurice is suitably grateful to the amigos, the clients, the young Duffys. The atmosphere at M & C now is very like the old days, everyone talking in shorthand.

He is no longer driven by a crazed ambition to be the biggest agency in the world. He will not make that mistake again. "All that we would like to achieve is to be the most sought-after agency in the world." They have offices in New York, Hong Kong, Sydney and Singapore, but the French international agency Publicis operates for them elsewhere.

As a possible election year looms, Maurice has resumed another former account: selling the Tories. At a recent reception at 11 Downing Street, I witnessed him making a bet with the brother-inlaw of Alan Howarth: that the Tories would win the next election with an increased majority.

ast weekend, Saatchi launched a message from the Prime Minister in a full-page ad in all the Sunday papers. It coincided, unfortunately, with Emma Nicholson's defection - a foretaste of the aggro and panic the coming campaign will doubtless involve. But they do have a master strategy. "It is important not to peak too early." Maurice says, chor-

thing.

After three years with the Saatchis, writing his book The Brothers, Ivan Fallon found Maurice "more shadowy and more complex" than ever. His choice of desert island luxury was a virtual reality headset that would transport him to his Sussex garden. "I would step out onto my terrace, i

Dont show, girls why the blatant sexual content of Showgids may prove to be the year's biggest turn off

arrive at my jetty. Josephine

of Sussex

would look at the beautiful

wall of my house, and marvel

at the inspired plantsmanship

which involved juxtaposing

Paul's Himalayan Musk with

the fading flowers of the wisteria. I would get into my

boat, sail cross my lake and

me. Perception is reality," he argues. Virtual reality manufacturers have since inundated him with offers to create his

In last year's non-interview, I said Maurice's most annoyng diversionary tactic when asked a question was his

counter-question: "Why don't you wear lipstick?" Afterwards he kindly sent me a very grand lipstick: Paloma Picasso's Mon Rouge. It makes me look like Cruella de Vil. One day I shall smear it on and terrify him into answering some straight questions.

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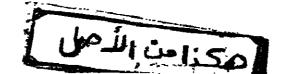
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Whose scalp will Scott take?

Peter Riddell says soundbites

are as important as the inquiry

he Scott report on the arms to Iraq affair is the political wild card of the new year. Eighteen months late, the report is finally due to be submitted to lan Lang. the President of the Board of Trade, within a few weeks. Its impact will depend not just on vhat it says - in more than 2.000 pages of complicated argument - or upon how vigorous a defence is mounted by the ministers criticised, but upon the snap judgment on what it appears to say.

Allegations about Whitehall

misdemeanours seldom interest the public for long. They have little effect on most people's lives, and matter only when they cast doubt on the integrity of ministers or result in resignations. The Westland affair, exactly ten years ago, had a very limited impact on Tory fortunes. Margaret Thatcher worried that she might not survive, but once it was clear that she was safe, the murky details were quickly forgotten.

Much depends on the political mood. The inquiry under Lord Franks into the Argentine invasion of the Falklands in 1982 would have been much more damaging if the outcome had been anything other than a triumph for Margaret

Thatcher, but when the report appeared The political eight months after the conflict, there was no desire for hand-wringing.

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The Franks inquiry was a classic example of the importance of what a report appears to say. Much of it was

critical of political and intelligence failures which preceded the invasion. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff described this as a 'splendid picture, delineating the light and shade". But when Franks reached the final paragraph, 339, "he got fed up with the canvas that he was painting and chucked a bucket of whitewash over it". The key sentence — "we would not be justified in attaching any criticism or blame to the present Government" — reads oddly after the previous 338 paragraphs. But it set the tone for the press interpretation.

As Alex Danchev argues in his biography of Franks, "'Franks clears Maggie' was the reflex reaction, conditioned by the artful news management of the report's rush release; a tightly restricted distribution of advance copies, a prepared list of the number of key paragraphs, a spate of prepublication leaks . . . designed to discount criticism of the Prime Minister herself and implant the idea of a long period of cross-party war guilt".

In the case of Scott, the inquiry's methods have already been fiercely criticised. The political world is divided between those who regard Sir Richard Scott as a brave, crusading judge who has exposed wrongdoing and coverups at the heart of Government, and those who see his inquiry as unfair to civil servants, and naive about the workings of Whitehall and foreign policy. John Major has said merely that the Government will consider the report's conclusions, carefully making no commitment about accept-

If the partisans on either side already have strong preconceptions, the verdict will be determined by whether the criticisms strike a popular chord. Much of the report concerns intelligence appraisal and export controls: whether ministers and civil servants acted contrary to published statements on the sale of arms to Iraq and whether Parlia-ment was deliberately misled over any modification of these guidelines. William Waldegrave, a Foreign Office Minister in 1989, denies this charge and has been embroiled in lengthy exhanges with Sir Richard. These are as much questions of interpretation as of fact: much will depend on the language Sir Richard uses.

More important, and potentially damaging, is the signing of public interest immunity certificates by senior minis-ters, including Malcolm Rifkind and Kenneth Clarke, in the Matrix Churchill trial over alleged breaches of arms sale rules. The collapse of this trial led to the setting-up of the Scott inquiry. These certificates are intended to protect sensitive official information from being automatically disclosed to the defence. Their status has changed considera-

bly: in 1968 the House of Lords ruled that a trial judge could inspect documents to see whether protection was justified in order to safeguard the public interest or whether justice required disclosure. Ministers have ar-

gued that they had a duty to sign to protect official documents, allowing judges to de-cide about release. But Michaci Heseltine's reluctance to sign shows that this is a cloudy area, and the report is expec-

💙 ritics argue that certificates are gagging or-🖊 ders on the rights of defendants. This view was reinforced by the Court of Appeal's decision in November to overturn the convictions of four men involved in supplying arms to Iraq, the Ordtech case, on the ground that they had been denied a fair trial because vital documents were withheld by the

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attor-

ney-General, advised the min-

isters to sign and it is likely

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that he, rather than they, will be the target of criticism. This raises the emotive issue of whether people might have been sent to prison after an unfair trial. Sir Nicholas argues that he acted in good faith on the basis of the best legal opinion at the time. But in the past someone has had to resign, just to clear the air. Lord Carrington and two other ministers quit over the Falklands, and Mr Heseltine and Sir Leon Brittan did over Westland. Sir Nicholas and Mr Waldegrave intend to defend their decisions vigorously. But the former looks more Vulnerable as the necessary sacrifice this time. Sir Nicholas's enforced departure would further weaken the Government, but should not of itself be terminal. The last rites could still be some time away.



Great wail of China

tiny paragraph — hardly more than a dozen lines stops the marmalade spoon halfway to the toast. I think I would have missed it altogether, had it not been on the same page as, and near the news of, the latest atrocity to be inflicted upon Wei Jingsheng, and I might as well give it to you in full. Headlined "China predicts rosy tourist future", it went, full of *sic*s, like this:

China expects to draw 250 million tourists from abroad over the next five years: about a 25 per cent increase from the first half of the 1990s, the official China Dally newspaper reported on Monday.

Revenue from tourism is also expected to grow, reaching \$14 billion by the year 2000. The newspaper was quoting He Guangwei, the direc-tor of the China National Tourism

Some 45 million overseas tourists will have visited China by the end of 1995, the report said, and they will mt 38 billion.

Mr He said he expected that Hong Kong's return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997, and Macau's in 1999, to bring in more visitors through those

The first and most obvious thought

to arise is that there is no reason to believe anything whatever that He Guangwei says on the subject of tourism to China, or on anything else for that matter. If He Guangwei were told by his bosses to take all his clothes off and dance naked on the roof of the China National Tourism Administration, he would instantly do so. And if the gentleman over there has begun to curl his lip in scorn at my disbelief of the China National Tourism Administration's veracity. I shall ask him if he is old enough to have heard of a man called Stalin. (Just as I was about to pen my next line, I stopped in something like horror; I had realised that there are in our country very many thousands of people - millions, perhaps — who have not heard

of Stalin.) Some years ago, I wrote a column in jest, taunting the remnants of the dupes of the Soviet Union - no, they were much, much worse than dupes (this was when Gorbachev had just mounted the throne) - in which ! made up a roster of those who had tried to wriggle out of their slavishness to evil. I made up ludicrous names for them, and a few had the decency to blush. But I ended my nonsense - still in absurdist mode -

When dissidents are being jailed and infants are being slaughtered in

squalor, tourists should stay at home

by saying that they shouldn't be unhappy just because Brezhnev was dead, because Mao Tse-tung was even deader, and he would surely look after his acolytes, dead or alive. (After all, if there was a hitch, the followers could always mark time in Cuba, the very last outpost of Soviet democracy.

Now go back and look at my paragraph, my serious paragraph, about occidentals in scores of millions flocking to China and her wonderfully democratic political system. And then spit, or I will.

Let me wander a little. Why did so many millions yes, it is very many millions — give allegiance to manifest evil, though the evil was obvious and terrible? For a considerable time after Stalin and Stalinism had dissolved

entirely, many of the shamed tried to wriggle out by saying that they hadn't seen, or understood, what was happening: that filmsy, lying excuse disappeared and dissolved very early. Whereupon other millions coolly transferred their equal allegiance to an equal evil, now a Chinese one. When He Guangwei shuffles the pack, there will be very many other millions from many truly democratic lands scurrying to see China, or the bits the leaders will

allow them to see. Come: let us follow the group; we have seen the Great Wall, and by domestic contrast we have seen at every open door a neat, plump, smiling housewife (or, of course, househusband). When we ask a different kind of question, such as "Do you really believe that people in genuine democratic countries are willing to believe that China's record on human rights is more or less the same as ours?", our guide smiles and says that there are some bad people in Britain and in other countries who tell nasty lies about his country; he smiles again, and all is

happy and smiling. Or almost. For the name of Wei

Jingsheng keeps popping up, particularly when I am around, because whenever I see a headline which reads something like "China defends its record on human rights", I know that the foulest kind of lies are stewing in the pot, and that there is nothing — nothing — that could be called respect for human rights.

You should be raging by now, but cool down for a moment, and think not about the hideous fate of Wei Jingsheng, but about the man himself. Consider: the moment he got out of a jail after being incarcerated for 15 years for disagreeing with the Gov-

ernment, he went back in again for exactly the same reason. Would you do that? And for nothing but the truth? And without remission for good conduct? And under judges who could only be called

whores, for the very good reason that they are whores?

ude, am 1? Try this. When Wei Jingsheng was sentenced to 14 years (this is his second such sentence, not the first), the Thing on the Bench his name is Wang Ming — was obviously not only told what sentence he was to give out (that, of course, is the standard form of "justice" in China), but was even told that the trial was to be described as "an ordinary case". There were two other villains in the matter, and I might as well name them too: the other Thing-Judge was Wang Yeshing, and the Prosecutor was Wang Huajuri. Asked whether the trial had been fair. the rehearsed answer was, yes it had been fair, because Wei Jingsheng had attacked the Government.

Amid this, we are told that there is respect for human rights in China. To prove it (and this gets very macabre). the Chinese Government has published a weird kind of apologia. It is 23,000 words long and I am willing to bet a substantial sum that there is not a single word of truth anywhere in it.

But that is not the most extra-ordinary thing about this terrible business. First, it must be a very nervous Government that does what this one has been doing. To demand from genuine democracies a "record on human rights" - and at almost the exact moment that Wei Jingsheng was being thrown into prison for yet another stretch - must betoken something like a very troubled nervousness. But what on earth - even Chinese earth — can the brutes who run this terrible madhouse fear?

And I do mean fear. Henrik Bork, a perfectly ordinary German reporter from the Frankfurter Rundschau (a most respectable paper), who is fluent in Chinese but has no record of making a nuisance of himself in China (or anywhere else for that matter), has been told that he must leave the country and not come back. The only words the Chinese were willing to speak about the matter were that he was ". . . negatively influencing the German public about

China". Now; what about the "Rosy tourist future", when "China expects to draw 250 million tourists in the next five years"? Well, surely visitors will be shown The Dying Room. You don't know what that is? Tut, and the BBC went to great lengths to bring the materials back. "Dying Rooms", in China, where over-population is a serious matter, are rooms into which babies are flung with their and other babies' filth, with no food or drink, to die.

That's not the only merriment the Chinese offer. They are, for instance, coming close to reimposing martial law, and are already busy arresting professed Christians, destroying the houses of migrants, and becoming almost literally hysterical over Taiwan.

Roll up! Roll up! Come and see the dying babies! See the dissidents being thrown into jail! If you are lucky you might see Wei Jingsheng himself being beaten up! If you are very lucky, you may see Wang Dan — a young student as brave as Wei Jingsheng himself, who speaks for democracy and so far has served a four-year stretch in prison. Roll up! Roll up! Wang Dan has been put in prison again, without trial, charge or a lawyer. Roll upl

Only 250 million tourists in the next five years? Ridiculous! It will be twice that many! Why, the dying babies alone are worth the entry! Roll up!

Philip Howard



Fishing should be for farmers, not pirates

Try haddock and let slip the dogfish of war! Any day now the latest fish war is going to break out in the enigmatically named Irish Box.
"Armadas" of huge Spanish trawlers were arriving in the Atlantic west and south of Ireland yesterday. Ere the month is out, you do not need to be a mystic astrologer prophesying mumbo-jumbo in "ere" lan-guage to predict fishy uproar over quotas (impossible to police), nets (too long and too synthetically unbreakable), meshes (too small), dumping of unsatisfactory or out-of-quota fish overboard and other unsporting practices which are not exclusively Spanish.

Robert Benchley is credited with being asked in an examination to discuss a previous fish war on the Great Banks from the point of view of (a) the United States and (b) Canada. And to have opened his essay: "I have no knowledge of either (a) or (b). Accordingly I propose to approach this question from the point of view of the cod." I hope he was awarded alpha plus.

For he had a point. From the earliest records, fish have had a

fried deal from chippers and a raw deal from sushi-eaters. The marginal relationship between men and fish shoals in language and literature. Fish are the lottery for which man toils not neither does he spin, especially not on lochs reserved for wet fly. Homer's conventional epithet for the sea was the "unbarvested". Perhaps he meant that fishing was a matter of luck and cunning, not husbandry. When blind Homer sang, you could not harvest the sea, just cast your net, trident or book on the waters and hope for luck. Fishing was the atavistic activity of man as hunter-gatherer and pirate, not man as farmer toiling on the stubborn earth in the sweat of his plough. Fishing of all sorts is the most popular participa-tory sport for males in Britain, because it is extremely idle and has old hunter-gatherer roots.

he trouble is that modern fishing technology has taken the lucky dip out of fishing and turned it into factory-farming. Nets a mile long and industrial vacuum seacleaners sweep up every fish in their track. Even the tourist fishing boats from Girvan and the other little harbours use radar to find the shoals of mackerel, instead of following the gannets and local knowledge. This is genocide.

Perhaps the sea was unharvested to our fisher-fathers because the shoals of silver tunnies seemed boundless, unsown and unharvestable, a gift from the gods. French dirigisme preserved their oyster. English laisser faire turned the oyster from poor man's food into an impossible luxury. Sam Johnson fed his cat Hodge on oysters. And he went out to buy them himself, in order to spare his slave/servant, Francis Barber. the humiliation of shopping for such common near-fish

It makes no difference to a fish whether it is caught by Catalan hooks or drift-net, or whether it ends up in a tin unsuitable for tuna or on a fishmonger's slab for foodies. But even tuna must worry about man - a puny creature half its size and a third of its weight, who can swim only very slowly and with inelegant splashing at the Olympics.

By fishy standards, man is not unintelligent. Widespread myths record dolphins having rescued men in the soup because of the sweetness of their singing. And modern dolphins have found that men can be trained. after a few months of captivity. to come to the edges of their pools and feed them herrings three times as day, to the ap-plause of the dolphinarium enumentalists.

When man fished by hook and by crook, the shoals could coexist with him. No longer. Even a MAFF bureaucrat should see that unless international organisations and national governments control the efficiency and rapacity of their fishermen, the oceans will empty, like the Mediterranean Sea. Too many boats chase too few fish with too much advantage.

Until now, the primitive law of the ocean has been eat or be eaten. Now, by enforced and unpopular quotas on the numbers of fishermen (rather than on unenforceable quotas on the numbers of fish too efficiently pulled out of their element), by fish sanctuaries and fish farms, by banning destructive modern fishing technologies, and by buying out the fishermen, fish's old enemy must restrain his greed. Or he will end up on a

No gripes

ENGLAND'S abject cricketing performance in South Africa yesterday was enough to bring on a bout of indigestion in any of the team's supporters. But nobody reached for the gripe-water quicker than Jack Bannister, the British commentator who promised in a local newspaper that he would "eat this page" if South Africa won.

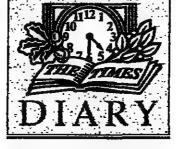
Bannister was held to his promise within minutes of the squarecut that earned South Africa its crushing Test victory. With local television cameras dancing gleeful attendance, Bannister was presented with the page on a silver platter. along with one bottle of South African chardonnay and a flask of digestive salts. He swallowed his pride along with the entire page. The technique was to tear the

newspaper into strips, then chew the page strip by strip, and swallow with a good gulp of wine. Aside from the odd burp, Bannister, who prides himself as a bookmaker, behaved with impressive decorum throughout the whole dyspeptic episode.

• Prince Edward's girlfriend, Sophie Rhys-Jones, arrived on Wednesday for her first day's work catering firm where she is helping out with the PR. And with a commendable flourish, Searcy's informed her of its other royal coup: it had just been awarded the Royal Warrant to provide grub for the Prince of Wales.

Iggy pop THE POP MILLIONAIRE'S life is far from being an easy existence.





Sting is having to build a hothouse at his Elizabethan mansion in Wiltshire in order to provide for his newly acquired pet iguanas. He is spending thousands of

pounds kitting out an orangery for his new pair of Central American tree lizards, which grow to be 4 ft and have a rapacious appetite.

The scaly creatures are a present from staff, explains their supplier. Pete Sheppard of the Porton Aquatic and Garden Centre. "Sting's head gardener came along to reserve a couple of iguanas," he says. The staff wanted to buy him something unusual as a Christmas present."

Radio roval RADIO-HAMS in Harrow have Husain of Jordan to attend their golden anniversary this year of the local radio society.

Husain, who attended Harrow School, has long surfed the airwaves, and first visited the society in 1979 after an introduction from a communications officer at the Ministry of Defence. He soon became an honorary member; his call sign is JY1: and he recently made 'friendly" radio contact between Jordan and Israel.

Derek Morris, president of the Radio Society of Harrow, is impressed: "His Majesty operates when in London. He speaks to people all over the world."

Corset does

A SPRIGHTLY young bird pops up this week in The Oldie maga-zine. Lord Menuhin's mother Marviha, who celebrates her 100th birthday this month, is profiled by her daughter-in-law.

Lady Menuhin lays bare the secrets of Marutha's longevity in the article, and says that, as a youngster, she used to sleep in her corset the better to maintain her 22-

The doughty girl has a touch of the Katharine Hepburns about her. La Hepburn. 88, still goes



Birthday girl Marutha: are icy baths the secret?

ice, and Lady Menuhin explains that Marutha has lived for so long as a result of "bathing in ice-cold water, into which she has tossed two dozen grapelruit skins or a half-dozen bottlefuls of a very smelly drink called Kwass".

 High above the woods in Klosters where the Prince of Wales's bodyguard broke his thigh sits a cosy cabin, the Alte Schwendi got their anorak-strings in a twist. swimming in the lake by her mountain restaurant, purveyor of they are itching to get King house, even if she has to break the fine fare and finer cocktails. But,

in the words of tabloid vulgar-ians, it is most likely a "snow-go zone" for the Prince and his party. Pride of place above the door is given to an enormous blow-up of the famous seductive photograph by Patrick Demarchelier of a young blonde, the Princess of Wales, which once graced the cover of Vogue. Locals have it that the Alte Schwen-di is known as the

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NUMBER WARS

Labour's challenge on Tory economic ground

Short of another Falklands war, or a fatal accident occasioned by a bus to Tony Blair, what could deliver the next election to the Conservatives? The economy, stupid. It is the party's one best hope. Northern Ireland is too remote an issue. Europe too divisive and devolution too complicated. As our economics editor, Anatole Kaletsky, wrote yesterday, this year is likely to see more pounds in people's pockets. To economic deter-minists like Michael Heseltine, that means more positive points in opinion polls.

Although dry economic statistics have

indicated a recovery for some years, the upturn has taken an unconscionable time to be detected by the public. That is because higher taxes and low wage growth have prevented better economic conditions from eeding through into the critical "feel-good" factor: personal disposable income, or cash take-home pay. This measure saw its smallest increase in 1994 since the 1940s, and last year was not thuch better. But in 1996, it looks set to rise by 5 per cent or more.

Hence the timing of the new year newspaper advertisements from the Conservative and Labour parties. The Tories have been waiting for some time to start trumpeting their economic achievements: until now they feared that such boasts would be met with cynical laughter. But a combination of tax cuts, rising house prices and lower interest rates have given consumers the sense that their prosperity is taking a turn for the better. Reports from the

high street seem to tell the same story. Thus newspaper readers are being asked careful questions in full-page advertisements: which country has the lowest mortgage rates for 30 years, the lowest basic rate of tax for over 50 years, the lowest unemployment of any major European country. and so on? Not Germany, not France, but "our country". This message is likely to be much repeated in the run-up to the election, culminating in the old but perennially successful slogan, "Don't let Labour ruin it".

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Yesterday Labour was swift in its attempt to ruin the message at birth. It reran a version of a newspaper advertisement earlier used in November, but suitably changed to challenge the Conservative version of a bright, confident economy. "Which country," it asked, "has slumped from 13th to 18th in the world prosperity league?" Our Country, of course. The headline was followed by further questions detailing Britain's poor performance relative to other countries. Yes, but Labour would do even worse, is the Tories' immediate response. Think of the social chapter and the minimum wage; they would make Britain still less competitive.

Both advertisements are judicious in the choice of facts that best suit their purpose. Labour is deliberately selective in its claims about unemployment and poverty. The Tories vaunt the lowest basic rate of tax for 50 years, but fail to draw attention to higher VAT and lower reliefs and allowances. Labour has good points to make on poor educational standards and broken tax promises. The Tories can justifiably be proud of low inflation and mortgage rates and high foreign investment.

But which party will benefit most from this battle of the statistics? The Conservatives are pleased to see Labour fighting them on their ground. In recent elections. Labour has tended to shy away from economic arguments, preferring to focus on its own issues of health and education. Mr Blair has been audacious in taking the fight to his opponents' territory: yesterday he cheekily told a Japanese audience that he wanted Labour to be seen as the party of business. He hopes, if not to win, at least to neutralise the Tories' advantage.

The Tory economic message is certainly the best hope that John Major possesses. But it will not be an easy winner. Voters will not quickly forget the tax rises of the past few years; and if they show signs of doing so, Labour will surely remind them.

NATIONAL INTERESTS

Britain, the Saudis and Muhammad al-Masari

Yesterday was a bad day for London's most vociferous Saudi Arabian dissident. Dr Muhammad al-Masari, in the capital with his fax machine for nearly two years now, has been served with deportation orders. Get thee to Dominica, he has been told, for you are making life for us too, too difficult. You are upsetting our steadfast allies in Saudi Arabia - the House of Saud - by your criticism of royal corruption there. Your constant demand for an "Islamic government" in the desert kingdom, directed to anyone who will listen, sows only problems for us.

Yesterday was a bad day, also, for Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office minister charged with overseeing asylum matters. From her egregious words on the radio explaining the Government's decision to punt Dr Masari in a Caribbean direction three sentences stand out. "We have had a difficult balancing act"; "We have got enormous export considerations"; and "Britain's interests as a whole do require his removal". The bluntness was unimpeachable; the reasoning less so.

Of course Britain has a difficult balancing act: and since it is not a case of balancing like with like, but one of balancing "values" against "interests", the difficulties are only enhanced. Dr Masari is in this country because he would, almost certainly, meet an unpleasant fate in Saudi Arabia. The Government of King Fahd detested him; that of his successor-elect, Crown Prince Abdullah, detests him too. It is easy to see why, for Dr Masari writes things like this: "The House of Saud has thieved at least half the State's revenues. What does astonish us, however, is the addiction to theft and embezzlement which continues unabated even at the very peak of an economic crisis." Saudi officials, unsurprisingly, have called for Dr Masari to be silenced. They have also rumbled ominously of a possible loss to Britain of lucrative contracts with Saudi Arabia if such silence were not imposed swiftly.

As recently as November last year, Malcoim Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said that although the Government did not like the presence of people like Dr Masari, it could take no action against them unless they broke the law. "We take a very hard line," Mr Rifkind said, "but we act against terrorism, not opinions." Yet that important distinction -- between the voicing of opinion and the incitement to violence - seems to have been glossed over in yesterday's decision to deport Dr Masari.

The decision has been influenced almost wholly by Britain's export considerations: and these are not inconsiderable. In 1994, the Saudis bought £1.5 billion worth of British goods. Vickers is presently bidding against French and American competition for a £900 million order for more than 200 tanks. The 1985 al-Yamamah oil-for-arms deal, signed by Margaret Thatcher, could come to be worth £20 billion to Britain over 20 years. A very legitimate question is thus raised: what should Britain do if the presence of Dr Masari endangers the health

of so important a golden goose? There are three options: leave him alone; let him stay, but order him to be silent; or deport him. The first has obvious commercial risks. The second would be unlawful: no court would permit the deprivation of his freedom of speech. The Government's option is the third. But what are the costs? Dr Masari has broken no law; and in refusing to consider his return to Saudi Arabia, the Government acknowledges the danger there to his life. The Home Secretary probably has the power to deport Dr Masari, but his decision will come under serious scrutiny when the Saudi dissident appeals. His departure may serve our immediate commercial interest: but the moral cost is high.

THE WATER PEOPLE

Aquarians are water-bearers, a cool, elemental occupation that may - with a little inventive updating of these mystic signs - be interpreted as the forerunner of science. The four elements, indeed, were the basis of all medieval speculation on the physical world, though most of the experiments by ancient doctors of physick were directed at transforming one element into another and, if possible, most of them into gold. Modern science is more diverse. But a cluster of modern scientists have been born under the water-bearing star, thereby endowing them, above all, with intellectual faculties, scepticism and a somewhat lukewarm temperament. Aquarians are consequently rather cold fish as lovers but ideally suited to hours in a sterile laboratory.

Thomas Edison, who brought music and light into the world with the electric lamp and the phonograph, was an Aquarian. So were Darwin and Galileo. These giants of electrophysics, zoology and astronomy have drawn the framework round our modern world. Who can forget the legend of the obstinate Italian dropping differently weighted balls from the Leaning Tower of Pisa to obscurantist sceptics below? Like many scientists, he had a spot of bother with

the authorities, in his case over the small question of whether the Sun went round the Earth or vice-versa. He recanted, and on his deathbed recanted his recantation - "eppur si muove". The lesson for those competing for research council grants, is that you can say what you like on television as long as you don't fake your test results. Aquarians may be coolly rational, but

with a ruling planet as frigid as Uranus and Pluto as a career planet, they are advised to avoid chilliness. The advice has fallen on some deaf ears. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, trudged a cold path to fame, and Charles Lindbergh cannot have been much warmer up alone in the clouds above the Atlantic, Livingston and Stanley, however, who were born and met under the same star, had less of a cold coming of it.

The record certainly shows Aquarians as pioneers. Three of the greatest American Presidents, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Reagan, were born in this month, though perhaps only one them - or rather, his wife -bothered to consult the horoscope to learn its heavenly guidance. They were all, in their way, cool in the face of adversity: and indeed the world owes as much to a January temperament as it does to June fire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The myths and making of Singapore's 'tiger' economy

From Mr Francis Davis

Sir. As a Labour Party member I was pleased to read Lord Rees-Mogg's advocacy of aspects of Singapore's wel-fare strategy as the potential focus for new Labour policy (Blair could make it the year of the tiger". January 1). However, the myth that Singapore's success is a simple victory of market mechanisms needs to be challenged.

While it is true that Singapore citizens make compulsory contributions to the Central Provident Fund (CPF). the rate of interest return that they receive from government is much lower than the market would pay. The surplus that the State generates in this way consequently provides a pool of resources available to spend on strategic projects, such as the large govern-ment housebuilding programme (in which many personal CPF deposits are also subsequently invested).

Moreover, the real force for the development of savings in Singapore is not CPF deposits but the monopoly rents gleaned from highly profitable state-owned enterprises such as Sing-apore Telecom and the Port of Singapore Authority.

The People's Action Party has been able to mobilise these sources of funding to heavily subsidise incoming foreign investors. Those deemed to have "pioneer" status can often attract as much as 50 cents of subsidy to each dollar of external investment.

Thus, whilst Singapore might not be able to manipulate the world economy, she has been able to aggressively pursue economic goals and sought-after outcomes at home. This, of course, has all been helped by a highly regulated wage market, full employment and a predominantly young

population.

The tiger economies have much to teach us but their example needs to be critically examined. In addition to Singapore's state-led successes new Labour should take account of European good practice in relying on the voluntary sector (which in Singapore is relatively small) to reflect Western social diversity and to ensure civil lib-

In the meantime Lord Rees-Mogg is to be congratulated for raising the issue and Labour's front bench should be encouraged to learn from what is best in the "riger" experience.

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS DAVIS, 19 Twisell Thorne, Church Crookham, Hampshire.

From Mr David Hughes

Sir, William Rees-Mogg is right in pointing to the success of Singapore's Central Provident Fund and the potential for transplanting the concept to Britain. It is just one of several Singapore strategies which could work well here. But there is no chance of implementing most of them while Britain remains within the EU.

Until 1965 Lee Kuan Yew was the most ardem of federalists, advocating and temporarily achieving Singa-pore's federation with the Malaysian states. He saw no future for a tiny, independent Singapore. He subscribed to much the same line now pushed by the European federalists; going it alone was widely seen as an almost

unthinkable option. When the split with Malaysia came in 1965 Lee wept in front of the television cameras. Yet the same man went on to prove that a politically and economically independent Singapore could not only survive but prosper to an extent unimaginable thirty years

The economic success of Singapore must surely say something to those who argue that Britain has no future outside a federal Europe. The analogy is not exact but it is close enough. If tiny Singapore (population barely 3 million) can thrive on its own, why should an independent Britain be just a pipe dream?

Independent decision-making has been a vital part of Singapore's success. Although it is an enthusiastic member of the Association of South East Asian Nations it could never give up its cherished sovereignty to anything remotely like the extent that Britain has already surrendered it to the

Yours faithfully. DAVID HUGHES. 13 Spring Lodge Close, Eastbourne, Sussex.

the majority there feel.

Loyalty to party and to principles at Westminster

From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for Cambridgeshire South West (Conservative)

Sir, One of the reasons suggested for the defection of Emma Nicholson (letters, January 1, 3) was lack of a government job. This has become endemic among modern MPs. No sooner are they elected than they pester for preferment. If frustrated they choose the most convenient controversial issue on which to rebel.

Unfortunately this all too often proves successful. Either the leadership responds with something to keep the MP quiet or the MP becomes intoxicated with media attention resulting often in more agreeable, and better remunerated, activity. Those con-tent merely to care for their constituents and, broadly, support the party which elected them, are taken for

The worrying effect of all this is a blurring of the distinction, so fundamental to parliamentary democracy. between the legislature and the executive. This is a key area of reform for the next Parliament.

Yours faithfull ANTHONY GRANT, House of Commons. January 2.

From Mr Dick Taverne

Sir. Emma Nicholson has been attacked for her "betrayal" of the Conservative Party. It is one of the less attractive features of our political ethos that to give up your principles for the sake of your party is regarded as a virtue; to give up your party for the sake of your principles is regarded as a sin.

Parties are an important part of our democratic institutions: through them people can combine to achieve common aims and put shared beliefs into practice. But parties have no special moral virtue in themselves which makes leaving them a "berrayal". Parties change. When they abandon the principles or beliefs for which you have joined them, it is more honour-

Victims of stress

From Mr Hamish Francis

Sir, Your report (December 19) about

over longer hours and unpaid over-

time was shortly afterwards followed

by the excellent interview (December

29) of Professor Cary Cooper by Vale-

rie Grove, on the hazards of overwork.

little to add to the comments about the

effects on marriage and on physical

health, except to emphasise the serious risks to mental wellbeing in the

The likely loss of sense of humour

was mentioned, and this is often ac-

companied by a degree of self-impor-

tance, sometimes evidenced by the

"sandwiches at my desk syndrome". In the heyday of work study much

attention was paid to properly spaced

breaks during working hours and it is

sad that this commonsense approach

is now so often ignored by business

Cookham, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Sir. The Reverend Peter Evans asks

(letter. December 30): "Is it truth or is

Since these concepts are not mutual-

ly exclusive would it not be preferable

and the professions.

HAMISH FRANCIS,

White House, Winter Hill,

No need to choose

From Dr Malcolm Taylor

it law that we hold dear?"

to cherish both?

Yours sincerely.

12 Salisbury Way.

Astley, Manchester.

MALCOLM TAYLOR.

Yours sincerely,

January 2

form of anxiety and depression.

As a reformed workaholic, I have

able to leave than to stay. To argue for the re-election of a party which you ac-rually think will do more harm than good is to live a lie.

Incidentally, I did not defect from Labour to the SDP (report, December 30). I did join the SDP when it was launched, but I left the Labour Party in 1972 and was re-elected twice as an independent, describing myself as a social democrat eight years before the SDP was founded.

Yours faithfully. DICK TAVERNE. 60 Cambridge Street, SWI.

From Mr L. P. Cleminson

Sir, An MP is elected to represent all the electors of a constituency, not just the party who nominated him or her. In any event, because of the first-pastthe-post system, many MPs are elected by a minority of their constituency

It follows that Emma Nicholson may well be acting in the best interests

Election dates From Mr Walter Grev

uncertainty.

Sir, Once again, in the late stages of a parliament, there is talk of an early general election, intensifying and prolonging economic as well as political

But, barring a government's defeat in a confidence vote, or a similar crisis not soluble by other means, should the date of the election continue to be left to the convenience (or machinations) of the already over-powerful Prime Minister?

Isn't it time, once the next election is out of the way, for an all-party agreement in Parliament at the earliest opportunity to institute fixed-term (say, four-year) parliaments instead?

Yours faithfully. WALTER GREY 12 Arden Road, Finchley, N3. January 4.

Yours faithfully. ANTONY G. WALKER. As from: Honeywood House,

Mill Lane, St Ippolyts, Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire. January I.

Honours uneven From Judge Nicholas Beddard

Sir, Of the 29 Knights Bachelor in tothe disquiet of Barclays Bank staff day's list of New Year Honours, eight are shown as professors. There would seem to be a degree of over-representation here.

> Yours faithfully NICHOLAS BEDDARD. The Old School. Sudbourne, Nr Orford, Suffolk. December 30.

A racing cert

From Mr P. W. Esling

Sir, Congratulations to Thunderer on his winning the Racing Post National Press Challenge for racing tipsters (reports, Sport, January 1).

I see that he won by reason of the fact that he lost less than any of the other tipsters and that when the year of the competition ended he still had £760.50 in hand of the bank of £1.000 with which he started.

This is a neat illustration of the old racing adage that the only sure way to make a small fortune backing horses is to start with a large fortune.

PETER W. ESLING. 3 Llysnewydd Cottage Drefach Felindre, Llandysul, Dyfed. January I.

Yours faithfully

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of the constituency as a whole and as

The indignation of local party mem-

bers and of those such as Mr Gerard

Lakmaker (lener, January 3) is not

only unreasonable but misguided.

Everyone has a duty to act honestly in all maners, especially when representing others. Yours faithfully. L PAUL CLEMINSON. Monyash Road.

From Mr Alan Clark

January 3.

Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Sir. On what basis, other than that of his own prejudice, does Peter Riddell make the assertion ("Why Emma couldn't stay". January I) that the attitudes of Ms Nicholson and Mr Howarth are shared by the "vastly greater number" of voters who have already deserted the Tories?

The MORI organisation, which measures such things, has told readers of The Times that only 17 per cent of the electorate mentioned Europe as an issue regarded as very in deciding their vote ("Poll shows Labour leads the way on vital issues" July 28, 1995). As for the "rights" of asylum-seekers. I suspect that you could safely move the decimal point one space to the left.

ALAN CLARK Saitwood Castle, Kent.

From Mr Antony Walker

Sir. A primary concern of Ms Emma Nicholson appears to be the "right" of unmarried parents to plunder my income and savings.

All in the mind

From Mr Gavin Littaur

Sir, Mike Bennett, a fellow member of Mensa, states (letter, December 30) that genius is a quality ascribed to "those who have the ability to produce something new, something original. Might I seek the courtesy of your columns to challenge this assertion?

In 1995 I composed five pieces for the piano in my spare time. The works are, admittedly, both new and original and, last May. I played two of them for the Mensa gala concert at the Royal College of Music

However, I am certainly no musical genius: this demands exceptional creative power, such as that enjoyed by Bach, Beethoven and Mozart, There again, I could be a late developer.

Yours faithfully GAVIN LITTAUR 24 Stormont Road, Highgate. No. January I.

Beauties as beasts

From Mr T. L. P. Ridge

Sir, While not wishing to contest the view of Ms Veronica Kish (letter, January 2) that there exists a "stereotype that good people are beautiful and bad people ugly", I think it rather extreme to suggest that the latest Bond film perpetuates thus in that it features one scurred villain.

She may also have noticed that Bond's female adversaries, not only in Goldeneve but in countless earlier productions, were always beautiful and invariably evil.

Yours faithfully. THOMAS RIDGE. Brockley Elm House, Backwell, Bristol, Avon.

Ready solution to **Army shortages**

From Viscount Slim

Sir. Anyone who watched that brilliant film about the Gurkhas on BBC2 on Boxing Day (letter, December 30) must be absolutely mystified that at a time when the British Army is gravely overstretched, with over 50 per cent of its available strength committed to active operations at any one time and its combat arms under-recruited from about 2,000 to 3,000, the Ministry of Defence continues cutting the Brigade of Gurkhas, an integral part of the British Army, from some 8,000 to as

It is true that, perhaps as a result of parliamentary and other pressures. ministers have now agreed to retain. for three more years, another 400 of the 1,700 Gurkhas who are due for re-

dundancy, But with recruiting of first-class Gurkha material presenting no pro-blem at all, as so graphically illustrated in the film, compared to the present difficulties of British "teeth arms" recruitment, so severely damaged and run down owing to the savage government defence cuts, the question must be asked, "why only 400?" Surely at least one extra combat banalion of Gurkhas, some 700 to 800 strong,

could be retained without difficulty.

Splitting 400 Gurkhas into small packets of platoon and company size to prop up understrength and poorly recruited British infantry hartalions is

not satisfactory.

A further battalion of Gurkhas, easily immediately available now, would go a considerable way to alleviate the ongoing overstretched and undermanned state of the British Army. This, combined with a major government-supported and financed national recruitment campaign, is urgently needed to overcome severe manpower

shortfalls. Any government that slashes its defence forces to the brink has at least the duty to ensure its remaining combat units are fully manned and capable of operations from full strength. The nation has a right to expect noth-

ing less.
The BBC film ended by quoting those splendid words: "The Gurkha. the bravest of the brave: never had a country more faithful friends than you." We really do treat our true friends in a most extraordinary way.

Yours etc. SLIM, House of Lords.

Caring by numbers

From Mr Colin L. Bowater

Sir. My army number (letters, December 18, 27; January 3) is now more than 40 years old and I continue to use it daily: the last three digits for the combination lock on my briefcase, last four for my bank card PIN and all eight digits for the password on my computer. I will never forget it and I don't need

to write it down. On reflection, it's just about the most useful thing I brought with me into civvy street.

I am sure you will understand if I refrain from disclosing the number to

Yours faithfully. COLIN L. BOWATER, 15 Grayburn Close. Chalfont St Giles. Buckinghamshire. January 3.

Tall order

From Mr Ian Bryant

Sir. Mr Richard Anderson's suggestion (letter, December 29) that passengers might be prepared to pay a modest increase in fares for a bit more space will find no favour with scheduled airlines. They need to make connormy class uncomfortable to persuade commercial travellers that the huge additional cost of flying club/business class is justified.

No finance director is going to sanction the extra cost if his executives can be expected to face foreign clients with bodies refreshed and brains razorsharp after relaxing flights in economy cabins. But I am sure there's scope for

charter airlines to charge more in return for more leg and seat room. Many people would be happy to pay £200 instead of £130 for a flight to the Canaries provided the seat space was designed for the average 5ft 10in, 12st man instead of for a juvenile contor-

Yours faithfully. IAN BRYANT, Hipping Hall. Cowan Bridge. Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria.

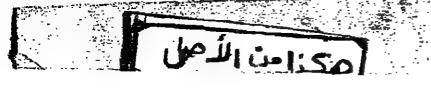
January I.

From Mr Stephen Cox Sir. I sympathise with Mr Richard Anderson's predicament inside acroplanes.

I too am oft tall, and find that the length of the handles of garden forks and spades must have been set at least 100 years ago It is for this reason, and not lazi-

ness, that I am compelled to delegate the digging of the vegetable garden to Yours sincerely.

STEPHEN COX. Evnhallow. Sandy Lane. Rushmoor, Farnham, Surrey.



PETER NICHOLLS



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 4 The Princess Royal this morning attended, as Principal Guest Speaker, the Fiftieth Oxford Firming Conference at the Examination Schools, High Street. Oxford, and was received by Her Majesay's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxford-shire (Sir Ashley Pensonby,

The King of Spain celebrates his 58th birthday today The Grand Duke of Lovembourg telebrates his 75th birthday today.

Birthdays today

Mir Alfred Brendel, concert planist. 65: Mr Tom Burke, environ-mentalist, 49: Mrs Jean Clark, president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 61: Mr Terry Davis, MP, 58; the Earl of Dudley 76. Sir Frank Hartley, former Vice-Chancellor, London University, 85; Sir Alan Hume, civil servant, 33; Miss Diane Kenton, actress, 50; Lord kingsdown, KG, 69; Miss Jan Leeming, briudeaster, 54: Mr Maurizio Pollini, pianist, 54: Sir Norman Price, former chairman. Board of Inland Revenue, Si: Major-General H. Quinlan, 90: General Sir Michael Rose, 56. General Sir John Silbbon, bi: the Hon Mrs Alison Wright, director-general, British Invisibles, 51: Lord Wynford, 74.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Lyons, 1707; Rebert Morrison, founder of Protestant missions in China. Morpeth, 1782: John Burke, genealogist and founder of Burke's Peerage, 1787: King Camp Gillette. inventor of the safety razor. Fund du Lac. Wisconsin. 1855: Konrad Adenauer, first Chancellor of the federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Cologne, 1876; Humbert Wolfe, piet, Milan, 1886, the died in London on January 5, 1940): Jack Lovelock surgeon and Olympic (500m gold medallist (1936). Cushington, New Zealand, 1913; Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan 1971-77. Larkana.

DEATHS: Edward the Confessor. King of England reigned 1042-66. London, 1006: Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen, Birmingham, 1873: Sir Ernest Shackleton, exlorer, South Georgia, Antarctica, 1922; Calvin Coolidge, 30th American President 1923-29. Northampton, Massachusetts, 1933; Amy lohnson, aviatrix, on a flight across the Thames Estuary, 1941: Sunny Liston, boxer, Las Vegas,

Pope Paul VI met Patriarch Athenagoras I in Jerusalem, the first meeting between the leaders f the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches in more than 500 years, 1964.

One-day cricket was born when England played Australia at Melbourne because the Test match had been abandoned after the previous day's rain, 1971.

Luncheon Blacksmiths' Company

The High Commissioner for Canada was the guest of honour at the Epiphany Juncheon of the Black smiths' Company held vesterday at Innholders' Hall, Mr Clifford Champion, Prime Warden,

Guernsey keepers leave rock for the last time

By Leyla LINTON

KEEPERS at the last manned rock lighthouse in the southern British Isles came ashore for the final time yesterday. Les Hanois, two miles off the coast of Guernsey, was built in 1862 and is now fully automated, its light controlled from Harwich.

The three keeners, looking tired and pleased to be leaving, were taken off the rock yesterday morning by helicopter. Dave Appleby, the principal lighthouse keeper who entered the profession 29 years ago, when oil lamps were still providing the light. said he had mixed feelings about leaving Les Hanois.

"It was my home for six months of the year. I felt glad to be going, but also sad. It was a special experience and a way of life, a Victorian way of life." he said.

"Lighthouse keepers who worked offshore got a lot of respect from those who worked onshore because it was just much tougher. Recently we have been surrounded by rough seas and fog, which is quite unusual. It made us feel more isolated."

Mr Appleby said he was relieved to be getting off the rock. "Les Hanois is very small and restricted. There is not much room in the tower at ali, aithough one plus was that there was a small area where we could get out and sit in the sun in the summer."

The tower at Les Hanois reaches 105ft above high tide, its lamp has a range of 23 miles and there is a fog signal with a three-mile range.

In 1982, new technology and a desire to save money saw the start of conversion of lighthouses round the coast of the British Isles. All 348 will be automated by 1998.

Dinner

London.

speakers.

The Lord Mayor

The cost of paving keepers and flying them to Les Hanois

The Lord Mayor and Lady May-

ones entertained at dinner last night at the Mansion House the

Chief Commoner and members of

the Court of Common Council, the

Lord Mayor of Westminster, May-

Boroughs, Aldermen, High Offi-

eers of the Corporation of London

and Ward Clerks of the City of

The Lord Mayor, the Lord

Mayor of Westminster and the

Chief Commoner were the

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at



Ready for lift-off: keepers of Les Hanois lighthouse await the helicopter to take them ashore

was £100.000 a year. Automating the light will save £1 million over the next 15 years for Trinity House.

It will also mean six redundancies among lighthouse keepers, although the three keepers leaving Les Hanois will start work un other lighthouses after a break. Mr Appleby will move to St Catherine's on the Isle of Wight, Peter Bolton will go to Portland Bill in Dorset and

Dave McGovern will be based at Alderney. Trinity House plans to com-

plete the automation process of its 72 lighthouses in two years and stopped recruiting lighthouse keepers 15 years ago. However, lighthouses still attract people from all walks of life who continue to apply for jobs as keepers. A few manned lighthouses still exist in Britain: eight in England and Wales, three in

Ireland and 11 in Scotland, of which five are offshore. The idea of working in such isolation seems to appeal to them," Howard Cooper, of Trinity House, said.

The image many people have of keepers as watchers of the sea is a romantic myth. Mr Cooper said the role of keepers was not to keep a coastal lookout, but simply to ensure that the light and the fog signals were in operation.

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for January was won with bond number ISEL 275270. The winner lives in Devon, and has a bond holding of 52,400. £100,000: 35SS 609441, winner has a holding of £2,126 and comes from Hampshire; 1925 959391, £10,000.

E50.000: I4TW 582273, £3.400. East Sussex: 30DS 386395, 4,891, Shrop-20GS 226938, 2,000, Shrooshire.

Gloucestershire: 33DL 925857, \$5,003. West Glamorgan: 34NZ 213593, £20,000, Essex; 12FP 079270, £8,150. West Midlands.

Latest wills

Mr Anthony James Lavell, of Warninglid, West Sussex, left es-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Allan and Miss S.C. Warr

The engagement is announced between Andrew, twin son of the ate Mr Michael Allan and of Mrs John Sparks, of Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey, and Sian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs JJ. Warr, of Holyport, Berkshire.

Mr H.N. Berger and Miss L.P. Halliday

The engagement is announced between Harry Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M.D Berger. of Woodrising, Burwash, East Sussex, and Lynn Pairicia (Paddington), daughter of Mr and Mrs K.A. Halliday, of Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

My C.R.S. Bitumbein and Miss E.E. Till

The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Simon Blumlein, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr Paul Till. of Selbourne, Hampshire, and Mrs Carolyn Higton, of

Mr J.M. Court and Miss K.D. Payne

The engagement is announced herween James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Court, of Leigh, Kent, and Karen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Payne, of Ordino, Andorra.

Mr R. Dempste

and Miss M.E. Foreman The engagement is announced Ross, son of Mr and Mrs William Dempster, of Corby, Northamptonshire, and Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Foreman, of Guildford.

Mr N.R.C.R. De Smet and Miss C.E.M. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Nicolas, only sun of M Francis De Smet, of Brussels, and Mme Chantal Michel, of Brussels. and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wilson, of

Mr R.J. Devall and Miss E.C. Bewley

The engagement is announced between Richard James, only son of Mr and Mrs Norman Devall, of Sutton Valence, Kent. and Elizabeth Caroline, second daughter of the Hon Mr Justice Bewley and Mrs Bewley. of The Peak. Hong

Mr L.S. Ellison and Miss E.M. O'Flynn

The engagement is announced between Lance, elder son of Mr Charles Ellison, of Great Dunham, Norfolk, and Mrs Geraldine Ellison, of Burnham Market. Norfulk, and Erner, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael O'Flynn, of Monkstown, County

Mr J.R.W. Fellowes and Miss A.J. Nicol

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fellowes, of Newmarket, Suffolk, and Alison. elder daughter of Mr and Mr. Alexander Nicol. of Edinburgh. Mr O.J. Fryer

The engagement is announced between Oliver, only son of Mr and Mrs David Fryer, of Stone, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Rees, of Dinas Powis, South Glamorgan.

Mr J.N. Humphrey and Miss J.C. Farrant

The engagement is announced between James, voungest son of Mr and Mry David Humphrey, of Itchen Abbas, Hampshire, and Jounnal elder daughter of Mr Edward Farrant, of St Victor De Reno. France, and Mrs Marion Fuller, of Goudhurst, Kent.

Dr T.K. Johansen

and Miss F.C.C. Sheffield The engagement is announced between Thomas, youngest son of Mr Kjeller Johansen and Mrs Steen Johansen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, and Frisber Candida Cheyenne, daughter of Mr David A. Sheffield, of San Luis, Menorca. and Mrs Victoria Hamilton-Biney. of Notting Hill. London.

Mr R.W.R. Johnston

and Miss G.C. Isaac The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Dr and Mrs Jonathan Johnston, of Roquesteron, France, and Georgina, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs David Isaac, of Washington DC, USA.

Mr J.J. King !!! and Miss G.L. Wade

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr and Mrs John J. King Junior. of Philadelphia, and Gail Linda, daughter of Mrs Betty Grace Lewis, of Surbiton, Surrey and the late William Frederick George

Mr E.D.E. Knollys and Miss K.J. Ault

The engagement is announced between Dominic, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Knollys, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Ault, of Weybridge.

Mr J.P. McFarlane and Miss S.J. Willis

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Peter, eldest son of Dr and Mrs T. McFarlane, of Didsbury, Manchester, and Steph-anle Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Willis, of Gresford, near Wrexham.

Mr A.S.J. Moorbou and Miss A.L. Suckling

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Moorhouse, of Leigh, Surrey, and Amanda, elder daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs David Suckling,

Mr P.J. Murrin

and Miss A.A. Gordon The engagement is announced between Philip James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Murrin, of Sully, South Glamorgan, and Ali-son Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Gordon, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

Dr A.J. Padkin and Miss A.J. Wood

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Joan Padkin and the late Mr James Ferguson Padkin, of Sale, Cheshire, and Alison, youngest daughter of Dr John and Dr Bridget Wood, of Dormington, Hereford.

Mr NJ. Redmond and Miss R.L. Rae

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Jon, son of Patrick and Patricia Redmond, of Feilding, New Zealand, and Re-becca Lucinda, daughter of John and Anne Rae, of Si Albans. The wedding will take place in New Zealand.

Mr G.R.i. Sar

and Miss K. Crocker The engagement is announced between Glies, son of Mr and Mrs David Smyly, of Dorstone, Herefordshire, and Kim, daughter of the late Mr Raymond Crocker and of Mrs Peter Deal, of Cranham, Essex.

Mr R. St. Johnston

and Miss V.K. Stiliwell The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Sir Kerry St. Johnston, of Frampton Mansell, and Mrs Judy St. John-ston, of Chelsea, and Victoria. daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A.

and Miss J. Walmsley

The engagement is announced between Nick son of Mr and Mr. W.L. Paine, of Haslemere, Surrey. and Jayne, daughter of Mrs J Walmsley, of Wistaston, Cheshire.

Mr A.J. Thompson and Miss R.J.H. Leckie

The engagement is announced between Alistair, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Thompson, of Meare, Somerset, and Roste, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuan Leckie, of Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire and Hong Kong

Mr B.E.E. Vorley and Miss K. Greenbank

The engagement is announced between Brett Eamonn Edward. son of the late Mr John Vorley and Mrs Irene Spiker, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Greenbank, of Haslingford, Cambridge.

Mr R.E.H. West

and Miss V. Younger The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.A.H. West of Remenham. Henley-on-Thames, and Vanessa, second daughter of Dr and Mrs D. Younger, of Makerstoun, Kelso.

Mr T.M. Wood

and Miss A.M.D. Willett The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Simon Wood, of Exeter. Devon, and Alexandra, younger daughter of the late Mr Richard Willett and of Mrs Patricia Willett, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Thanksgiving service

Army Dental Service A service of thanksgiving to mark the 75th anniversary of the Army Dental Service was held yesterday at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot. The Rev R.A. Owen, CF. officiated. Briga-dier C. Roberts, director, Army Dental Service, and Private L. Staley, Royal Army Dental Corps, read the lessons. The Rev Dr V. Dobbin, Chaplain General. gave an address. Afterwards. Dr Dobbin unveiled commemorative windows and a bronze of a "Field Dental Team" in the Officers' Mess. Past and present members of the Army Dental Corps and the Royal Army Dental Corps were among those present.

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Church appointments

The Rev Dr Ian Jorysz. Assistant Curate, Ferryhill. St Luke (Dur-ham): to be Priest-in-charge. South Weald, St Peter, and the Bishop of Bradwell's Research Officer

Chelmsford) The Rev Jonathan MacGillivray. Vicar, St John the Evangelist Hurst, Ashton under Lyne: to be Diocesan Director of Ordinands and LNSM Officer (Manchester). The Rev Philip Miller: to be Priestin-charge, All Saints and Martyrs. Langley and Holy Trinity, Parkfield (Manchester).

Curate, St Michael and All Angels. Camberwell: to be LNSM. St George, Waddon (Southwark).

Legal appointments

The following to be full-time chairmen of social security appeal tribunals, medical appeal tribunals, disability appeal tribunals and child support appeal tri-bunals: Derek Kenningham in the North East Region; David John Teagle and Jonathan Arnold Rosser in the South East Region: Peter Robert Ball in the North

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Jesus said: 'If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be suffly of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin; whoever hatee me, haves my Father also'. John 15: 22.23 IREB)

BIRTHS

AGARWAL - On Decamber 18th at The Portland Hospital a beautiful deughter. Rishika to Nalini and Manol, granddaughter of Rem and dinarti Chaffani.

RALCOMBE - On January 2nd. to Danielle (née Woolf) and Paul, a beautiful daughter. Emily Jane. daughter. Emily Jane.
BATCHELOR - On 25th
December at St Markus
Krankenhaus. Frankfurt. to

Charles.

CMEAGN - On December 29th
1995, to Sarah (nee
Twyman) and Michael, a
son, Peter John Nagle. DUNN - To Tom and Roberts the Corby/ on 7th December 1995 in Sydney, a daughter. Charlotte Grace Louise, a

EKIMIAN - On December 31s Alexeevich, a son. Alexes FINDLAY - On Decemb

daughter, Laura Joanna.

GARRETT - On December

26th at The Portland

Hospital to Susan Swettler

and Tim Garrett, a beautiful

baby boy, Kijans Timothy GOODALL - On December 30th, to Care (née Caivert) and Richard, a son, James Ottom Barrana

HODGICHS WILLS - On 27th December at The Portland Hospital, to Liz and Dovid. a JACKSON - On 30th December 1996, to Tine trice Cox) and Coamo, a son, Harvey Yoth.

JOSAKWEKER - On December 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Midru (née Ibenwa) and Emeka. 2 beautiful daughter. Uchenna. JOSAKWEKER

BIRTHS KEENER - On 3rd January a The Portland Hospital Pete Alexander George to Virgini and Brian - a brother fo Miles Cairo Washington London relates.

LOBLE - On 2nd January 1996 to Catherine (née Levitt, and Peter, twin some Harry Joseph and Max Frederics. LONG - On December 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine triee O'Grady) and Andrew, a son, Alexander

LYNN - On December 26th

MARLOW - On December 3131 al The Portland Hospital, to Colette (née Coldberg and Edwin, a son, Max Lewis, a brother for Chice. PARRY-CROOKE December 20th, to Angela and Piers, a daughter. Phospe Frances, a sister for Kate.

Victoria peacefully on Srd January 1996 in her 99th year, at Chargrove Lawn, Chellennam, widow of Commander Lawrence fiesuccamp R.N., loving probler of Julian, the late TILFORD - On Decumber 27th to Marian (née Smith) and WALKINGTON - On 25th

December 1995. to Francesca (née Weat) and Sandy, a daughter, Dora Clamentine Stanca. DEATHS

Oueenswood School The Spring Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, January 7, and ends on Saturday, March 23. The Queenswood Centre will be opened officially on iarunday, Anri

The Queenswood Choral Weekend takes place from March 8-10 — a weekend of rehearsal and a concert for performances of two the Music Department

Schools news

Handel Commation Anthems and Puccini's Messa di Gloria, Friends of the school welcome, details from The Queenswood Subscription

term: full details from the Music

Sixth Form Scholarship Examinations will take place on January 29/30. The Annual Andrew Reed Lecture will be given by Rabbi Hugo Gryn on March 7 and The Bishop of Dorking will conduct the Confirmation Service in School Chapel on March 14

Annual meeting

Series will continue this

The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners The Society held its fourth Annual General Meeting and its Branch Chairmen's National Conference at the Lansdowne Club on Decem-

ber 3, 1995. Present were Chairman and representatives from 24 Branches. The proceedings were chaired by Mr Geoffrey Shindler, the Chairman of the Society.

DEATHS

Premium Bonds

£25,000: IbEN 046498, £2,068,

tate valued at £4,255,950 net.
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Stillwell, of Petworth, Sussex.

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requested. Donati R.S.P.C.A. "Thinking of

Scannore, for their care and commenced. Reviews More at Our Lady and St Thomas of Canharbury. Harrow, on January 11th at 12 noon. Flowers to J. Massey Funeral Directors. 142 Season Fond.

ROBERTEON - Colonial Room Bruce aged 68 years, at home surrounded by his forsity. 2nd January 1996. Funetal at Alberton. Park Crematorium, 11th January, 10.30 att. No flower plane, but donations. If desired, to The Roy Cartie Foundation. (0101) 277.8656.

DEATES

Donnelly) aged 67.
peacefully in her sleep on
30th December after a long
illness borne with dignity
and courage. Widow of
James, much loved mother
of her and the staff of The
Princess Alexandra Home,
Stammore, for their care and
cumpanion, Pergian Mose
at Our Lady and 87 Thomps

STANLEY - Heavy Sydney Horbert on 25th December 1995, aged 75. Beloved husband of the take Margared, and Francis Service will be at \$2 Mary's Church, Acton, 11th January at 1 pm. Pannity flowers only, donations in life 1 to Mendow Mouse Hospite, Zaling Hospitel, Uzbridge Road, UB1 SELI,

STEAD - Joan Owenlida died peacefully on December 30th. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at the Church of 6th Mary the Virgin, Shendield. Essex. on Wednesday 10th January at 12 noon. Family Rowers only but donations if desired to Rainbow Trust Children Charity. Surrey House, 31 Church Street, Landiernead. Surrey KT22 SEF.

ETUESS - Pamela (née Leonard) on 2nd January 1996 at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Much loved wife of the late Cay Stubbe and mother of Carobra, Enguiries places to Edward White & Son. Funeral Directors, lei: 101243) 782136.

Captain, R.N. on 4th January, 1996, at Ramery Level Human lovel husband, father and grandwher. Thanksgiving Service at Bailaugh Old Church, lole of Man, on Thurway, Itili husbar, at 11.30 am. No flawars, Donatons, if desired, to St. Bridger Husbars, Donatons, if desired, to St. Bridger Husbars, Donatons, 11.30 am. No flawars, Donatons, if desired, to St. Bridger Husbars, Donaton, 11.00.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SPECIALISTS

DEATHS TAYLOR - On 3rd January 1996, peacefully at home, Lady Elbeen Motra, aged 53 years, of Haynetown, Children Motor of Captain G. Hill. Funeral Service at the North Devon Cremitorium, as making to Thurnisty 11th January at 12.30 pm. Prantly Howers still in denaption of desired may be sent to J. Westacott & Son. Funeral Directors. 2a. West Street, Sonth entourn or The Brooker Hospital for Hotses. Turner A.F.C. and 52. Beloved humand of Zod and stepfather of Jamis. Funera privam.

WILSON CLARK - Nancy wilsom Clark - Nancy, retired school teacher and Major (T.D.) peacefully oh linuary in 1996 Service of Thanksgiving at St Luke's Church, Hartispool, January 5th at 11,45 am, following committees. oth at 11,45 am, following committed at Haritepool Crematorium at 11,20 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Luke's Church, Haritepool.

MEMORIAL SERVICES service will be held at Debe Old Church, Carre-Walk, SW3. on Monday mry 15th at 11.30 at

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

TINDALL - The Thankelving Barviot for Cames. Fresheld: Tindall will be held at Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday February 7th # 12 noon.

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BAILLIE-HAMILTON - On Envari 20 m Ne Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, lo Paula (née Hickman) and Mike, a son. Angus Joh

ADAM - David Stuart
"Gordon" of Wendover,
Bucks, suddenly 27th
December 1995 in Morren,
Switzertand, aged 68 years,
beloved husband of Rosames
and Iather of Jamie,
Alexandra and Alastair,
Funeral Service Si Mary's
Church. Wendover,
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Buckinghamsture, Co K.V
Green Funeral Directors, iel.
(01298) 82041.

Professor Sir Kenneth and Lady Calmun. Mr Ian and Dr Dinna Melanes and Mr and Mrs Gerry Green were among the other

DEATHS

ADDIS - On January 3rd 1996 Pamela, widow o

1996 Pamela, widow of Charles Thorburn Addis D.S.O.. Captain R.N., much loved mother, grammother and great-grandmother, Funeral at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Coring-on-Thames. Oxon (near Reading) on Thursday January 11th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, Donabons to King George's Fund for Sailors c/o Leverton & Sons Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholl Street, London NWI, tet!

ARUNDALE - On January 2nd John George, husband of the late Jill. formerly of Brook Lane. Birmingham Funeral al Woking Crematorium on Friday 12th January at 1.30 pm. Family Rowers only. Donations to Bernard Sunley Nursing Home. Woking GU22 BBT. would be appreciated.

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BERNOT BUNLEA - Roal - aged 92 years, on 3rd January 1996 after a short illness in the King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst She was the adored mother of Liesi, grandmother of Christina. Rosle and Thesie and great-grandmother of Asran, Demiel and Jessica. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Headley (Rear Bordon). Hampshire on Thursday 11th January & 11 am. Flowers, or donations if desired to Save the Children Fund, c/o 1.F. Liniott & Sons, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 WOO.

Spring Term begins on January 8 and ends on March 22 with Christopher Bilmes continuing as School Captain and Robert Halton. Captain of Hockey.

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS BESSEWER CLARK Anthony, aged 35, after a brave fight against cancer, peacefully at home in Norfolk 2n 4th January, surrounded by his family. Dearly loved husband, lather, nephew and friend. Thanksgiting Service to be held at 1.30 am on Friday 12th January at All Saints Church. Wood Norton, Family flowers only. Donabors it wished to Marie Curte Nurses, c/o Fakenham & Bistnict Funeral Services, tel: (01328) 861918. Membrial Service in Lundon to be announced later.

BEST - On January 3rd 1996
pencefully at home after an
illness bravely borne, John,
much loved husband for 43
years of Marie, loving father
of Jane, Roger and Claire,
Proud grandps of Harmah,
Patrick, Thomas, Charlotte
and Freddie, Private
interment, family only,
Thanksgiving Service 5t
Mary's Church, Rippington,
Sevenoaks, Thuraday,
January 11th at 2.36 pm, No
flowers but if so desired
donations to Hospice in The
Weald or Marie Curte Nurses
c/o Weiham Jones, 186
London Road, Sevenoaks,
Kent TNI3 1DJ, Jeit (01732)
742600.

BISHOP - Miss Mabel, at Battersea on 26th December aged 100. Born Battersea 26th February 1396 at Kertiton Road, Her bright ught will be sadly missed by friends and all at Battersea Unaged

BONALLACK - On 4th January 1996, passed peacefully away. Sir Richard Frank C.B.E. aged 91. Loved and loving father of Tony. Michael and Sally and dored grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Augustine's Church. Thorpe Bay. on Friday 12th January at 10.30 am. followed by Jamily cremation. Family flowers only but donations if thesited to Szew the Chiteren.

BRIDLE - The Reverend Reginald Bridle B.A. B.D. beloved brother of Etnei Lewin. passed away peacefully after a short liness. Private cremation at Satisbury Crematorium Wednesday 10th January at inm. Memorial Service

ipm. Memorial Service Thursday 18th January at 2pm at St Mary's Church.

BRUCE - Mrs G.M.E. ea January 2nd following a short illiness. Margot of Winchelsea. East Sussex. widow of lan D Bruce and mother of Kina. Francis and William Much loved by her family and many friends. The funeral will take place on Thursday January 11th St Teresa R.C. Church. Horns Cross. near Naturiam. East Sussex at 11 am. Family fluwers only by Gonolines if desired to St Michael's Hospice c/o Ellis Bros. F/S. Ltd. 3 Ferry Road. Rye. East Barner.

CARMICHAEL - Robert on December 31st peacefully at home in Tettenhall. Wolverhampton, aged 87 years, retired General Practitioner, humans of the late Anne, beloved father of Cherry and David, Funeral at S. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, on Thurnday January 11th at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donalious it desired to Good Shepherd Trust, Thorniery Street, Wolverhampton.

DAWKINS - Sylvia died DAWKINS - Sylvia died peacefully at home on December 26th aged 91. Widow of Massey Dawkins. Mourned by a large and lotting family. Service in her memory at Harston Parish Church. Cambridge. January 12th at noon. Donations if desired to Family Planning Association, Ref. S.D., 27-36 Mortimer Street, London Win 78J.

DAY - On January 2nd, peacefully in Pembury Hospital, Percival Richard Day, M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.O. M.S. Dearly Joved husband, father and stepfather Funeral on Tuesday 9th January at 12.30 pm at St Albans Church, Frant, Family flowers only, donations it detired to R.N.IB. C/o E.R. Hickmed & Son. 41 Grove Hill Road, Tumbridge Wells, TN: 15D.

DOUGLAS - On ist January 1996. Thomas Kenneth Alderaley Douglas O.B.E. aged 90 years dearly loved husband of the late Agues and father, standarder and frother. The funeral service will take place on Friday 12m January 1990 12 Abom at 51 James's Church. Westeridge, Surrey, tollowes by cremation at Woking St. John's Cremation and Woking St. John's Cremation and Woking St. John's Cremation and John St. John

DEATHS

grandmother of Josephine and Polty. "A very hard act to follow." Funeral Service at Dorchester Abbey, Oxon. Monday January 8th at 2.15pm Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Amnesty International. Enquiries and donations to Thomas and Jarvis. Castic Street. Serventem. OXI3 56R, tet. (01235) 831398. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Dorchester Abbay on Saturday February 10th at 4.15 pm. de VRIES - Sonya greatly beloved mother of Bea, Mandy. Alexander, Philip and Care at home after an illness fought with great courage and dignity on 4th January 1996. Requiem Mane at Si Mary Magdalene. East His, London Swifs, on Tuesday 16th January at 11am. Family flowers only: donations if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Pand.

December 27th suddenly in hor 91st year. Funeral private at her specific traces. Donations if desired can be sent to Age Concern. Enquiries to (01233) 720288.

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GLOVER - David on December 3ist 1995 at the Nuffield Hospital. Sureways, aged 68 years of Bowbrook. Sureways, Founder and Managing Director of Glover Dantal Supplies. Shrewsbury. Funeral Service at The Abbey Church. Strewsbury. on Satuday January 20th on Saturday January 20th 1996 at 10 am, followed by

Higgs - Charllon passed away on 2nd January 1996, betoved father of Rigmor Ann Higgs, Cremation to take place on 12th January at West Norwood Crematorium at 3 30 pm. Flowers to Exbutt Funeral Service, 89 High Street. Croydon or donations to Emer Research. HOTOPF - "Roz" (Rosemary)
née Gainstord. On January
2nd at Michael Sobell House,
Oxford, after a long times
fought with typical courage,
spirit and disafty. Very much
loved wife of Richard,
mother of Belinda, Julia and
Rupert. stepmether of
Jonathan and Kate,
grandmother of Josephine
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KING - Constance Percy, aged R years. Additional fervice at All Sainis Church, Piers, Hampshire. at 1 pm on Wednesday 10th January preceding barks. NING - Graham Martia suddenly on January 2nd 1996 at home in Oakridge Lynch. Gloucestershire. Sadly missed by Mary and his children Malcolm and Dawn Bacchus. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday January 12th at 11.50 mm. Enquiries to Philip Ford & Sam Fusani Orector Lift. (01453) 763592.

MACASSEY - Kenneth Dynamic Comments of the Living of the Living of the Living of the lete St. Lynden and Lady Macasty. Funders and Lady Macasty. Funders and Lady Macasty. Funders are of the lete St. Lynden and Lady Macasty. Funders service of the Porest Parish Church. Guerney. on Tuesday. 9th January at 2 pm. Relatives and friends kindly accept the intimation. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be sent to the Guerney only, donations if desired may be sent to the Guerney Change Homer Foundation, Robals GY1 1FB, or the G.S.P.C.A., Les Fiers Moutons. St Andrew's. Cremation Le Foulon Cremation Le Foulon Commonton Guerney, All enquiries to Beckford's Funeral Services Ltd., tel: 01481 64802.

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BELLE - Marus Chienum of Lincoln's Inn. Sarrister-al-Law. One time intelligence Officer in Ceraticny and last Warden of Hope Mall in the University of Excter. Formore of Susect Operac. Brighton and States Street. London. Died on 22nd Desember in South Desembers she had made har home following retirement. MOULTON DARRETT ... Myrite, peacefully on January 2nd 1990, described of the late Lt. Col. and Mrs Moulton Eurost and stellar of the late Col. R.A. Mouther Burtest and stellar of the late Col. R.A. Mouther Surveit Funeral at All Saints Church. Calbourne. Isle of Wight on Thursday January 11th at 12 noon. Donathons if desired to Calbourne Church Restoration Fund c/o Mrs Strickland. Pitts Farm. Calbourne, Isle of Wight POSO 4JB.

NEVILLE-ARCHBOLD

Robert 18th December at home aged 87. Loved and musel by family and frame.

DEATHS NUMAN - Patricta Vernor inte Buyers) on December 29th aged 67, at Invarell NSW, formerly of Aberham Loved wife of Tern and dear mother of Line; Hourd, and Anne Comming.

PERRY - Cyril Thomas, known to all as Tom, aged 78, sestimity of St. Hickard's Healthi, Checkenn; on 20th Needle Circhester on 20th December 1995. Devoted number of the last Betry and much mixed father and all roand soot make of Desemand Jonathan. Funeral Thursday 11th January 1996 12-30 pm at Chichester

PRATT - Née Hammick, Dorothy (Doff), widow of Theo. Peacefully, on January 3rd, in her 91st year. A loving and much loved mather, gardendur-and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving Service 12 100s. Monday Jensey 6th M 51 Bertolemey. Fareh Church, Wilmslow.

RYMER - On Sist December 1995. Disabeth Matthews. daughter of the like William and Dorochy (née Wilkes) Rymer. Formerly of Baschouer. Catautron Down Road, Bath. Finnest Service at Holy Trinity Church. Coombe Down. Bath. on Monday January 16th at 11.30 am. No flowers. Douations if desired to the Alzheimers Disease Society c/o H. Metrett, 57A. Pickwick Road, Corsham, SWI3 786.

SCHLICHT - Dr. Theo Schlicht died peacefully in his sleep at his house in Majorca in the early hours of Friday 29th December 1995, His askes have been scaleful in the earlier of the house in Majorca. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held in Linden shorth.

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SIR ANDREW CARNWATH

Sir Andrew Carnwath, KCVO, a managing director of Baring Brothers, 1955-74, died on December 29 aged 86. He was born on October 26, 1909.

SIR ANDREW CARNWATH made his name in the City of London in the 1950s and 1960s as a senior partner of Barings and as a merchant banker concerned in particular with corporate finance work. Throughout his career in the upper reaches of corporate finance. he remained a calm and relatively detached practitioner. If he seemed at times to be laid back with his wise assessment of situations and sense of timing he won and retained the confidence of corporate clients to a remarkable degree. He joined Barings in December

1928: his most vivid memory of his first day was of the back view of the senior partner, the Olympian Lord Revelstoke, descending the steps as he set out for Versailles and the conference on German reparations. It was a deeply symbolic scene. Out of the door with Revelstoke, who was to die in Paris, went an era of international bonds issues over which Barings had presided for a century. Now a weakened sterling was forcing the City to cut back its international role and, like others. Barings was refocusing on work for British industry.

Much of this work has come to be known as corporate finance and in this area Carnwath found his niche, working in the years immediately before and after the war under Howard Millis

and disease in

Andrew Hunter Carnwath was the is son of a doctor. He was educated at Eton where he was a King's Scholar, but not having worked, in his words, "as hard as I should", he failed to win a university scholarship. His school, however, recommended him to Barings. "I had never heard of Barings." he later recounted, "but inquiries showed that I would probably be wise to explore the matter further.



Carnwath started at the bottom, doing a three-month stint in the mail room - then regarded as a formative experience for all new entrants. In the normal course of events he would have gone on to do a general tour of all the departments in the bank, but this was cut short when he caught the partners' attention and was moved swiftly to a recently formed section — new issues — which was charged with working for the partners, doing the detailed background work required for their transactions.

These ranged from straightforward debt issues to finance extensions of London's Underground and the construction of power stations to highly complex schemes to salvage parts of the collapsed Royal Mail shipping group and to rationalise Lancashire's staple industry through the formation of the Lancashire Cotton Corporation.

This work was brought to an abrupt end in 1939 when - after three months firewatching on the roof of the Barings offices — he went to war, ostensibly with RAF Coastal Command but in reality to Bletchley Park and code-

breaking. Later he was sent out to Germany as part of a team analysing the effectiveness of Britain's war operations.

Barings pressed for his release later in 1945 and he returned as head of the new issues department. With no staff, a new Companies Act and an unprecedented regulatory environment, it was an especially fraught time for him: "It meant that the documentation was really quite complicated, and I was inventing it as I went along," Carnwath later confessed.

But working initially under Millis and alongside A. W. Giles. a canny Scottish accountant, he became one of the City's most respected figures in this field. In the 1950s and 1960s Barings's corporate finance team, while more low key and less aggressive than some, was a leader in this activity. Carnwath was rewarded with a partnership at the beginning of 1955. In the 1950s and 1960s. British

companies were expanding rapidly by acquisition. Carnwath played a key part in Barings's work with companies such as Whitbread, Courtaulds, Allied Breweries, Metal Box, Redland and W.H. Smith. For other clients Barings put in place defensive structures to prevent their takeover. When in 1961 ICI launched a hostile bid for Barings's client. Courtaulds. Carnwath worked day and night for three months along with the board of Courtaulds in what became one of the most aggressive takeover battles of the Courtaulds retained

Latterly Carnwath's interests at Barings were more wide-ranging. He was closely involved with the development of Save & Prosper, a pioneer of unit trusts in which he had persuaded Barings to take a substantial interest, and was its chairman for 20 years. He also chaired, from 1971 to 1974. London Multinational Bank, a syndicate bank in which Barings was also interested.

He retired from Barings in 1974, having latterly sat alongside John Phillimore and John Baring, now Lord Ashburton, as a senior narmer.

Away from Barings, Carnwath's interests were extensive. So far as business was concerned, he held directorships of Equity & Law and of Great Portland Estates and hetween 1970 and 1972 he was president of the Institute of Bankers.
His City expertise coupled with his

approachability, conviviality and, not least, genuine and inquiring interest. meant that his services were much in demand by charitable and educational institutions. He was treasurer of King Edward's Hospital Fund; a member of the Church of England's central board of finance and chairman of its investment management committee; chairman of the Chelmsford diocesan board of finance: and, not least, treasurer of Essex University, which awarded him a doctorate in 1983.

At different times his portfolio also included the Friends of the Tate. the Imperial War Graves Endowment Fund and the Thalidomide Children's Trust. In recognition of his King's Fund work, he was appointed KCVO in 1975.

Music was a particular passion. He was a competent pianist and, as Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians from 1981 to 1982, personally endowed a scholarship for promising young pianists. He also had an enthusiasm for modern British art. At a time when "corporate art" was a new idea, he initiated the collection at Save & Prosper and bought abstracts for

For many years Carnwath lived at Ugley in Essex where he involved himself in local affairs. His services to the county were manifold and his offices included county councillor. High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant.

In 1939 he married Kathleen Armstrong. They had five sons and one daughter. After her early death in 1968, he married in 1973 Joan Wetherell-Pepper, better known as the author Joan Alexander, who survives him. together with the six children of his first marriage.

Classical Mods at Oriel Coll-

ege, Oxford. He subsequently

switched to study his real love.

English Literature, in which

he obtained a first before

completing an MPhil special-

ising in the novels of Anthony

Powell (in whose Diaries Bea-

die was later mentioned). He

spoke regularly at the Oxford

Union and became a polished

speech-writer for many of his

After teaching in Oxford he

worked in London for the GLC

and the Home Office before

becoming a freelance writer

and broadcaster. Both his

voice and his writings were all well known to Radio 3 listen-

ers. He presented Prom News

colleagues.

TERENCE CUNEO



Terence Cunco, CVO. OBE, portrait painter, died on January 3 aged 88. He was born on November 1, 1907.

TERENCE CUNEO's career illustrates vividly the folly of talking about "the art world" as though there were any one such coherent thing, when instead there exists a whole galaxy of separate and sometimes mutually exclusive worlds.

In his own sphere Cureo was about as famous as it is possible to be. But his sphere had little to do with that of. say, the Tate Gallery, or even very much with that of the Royal Academy. While he ran to a lengthy and detailed entry in Who's Who, many standard art reference books do not mention him.

He was immensely conservative as an artist, to a point that would make Sir Alfred Munnings look like some mad revolutionary tearaway. He was a prime example of that almost vanished breed, the official portrait painter.

He painted not only portraits but what he described as "ceremoniai, military and engineering subjects". Designed by nature to be an official war artist, he served in that capacity in the Second World War.

After engaging in und-ergound activities in occupied Europe while with the Royal Engineers during 1941, he devoted himself with considerable flair to producing propaganda paintings for the Ministry of Information, the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office and, of course, the War Artists Committee which he served.

This type of work represented what might be called his

iflustrating skills: he was undoubtedly a dashing draughtsman with a real feeling for machinery in action. Some felt, even then, that this very gift for illustration stood in the way of his being accepted as a 'serious" arnst. He never recognised any important difference between the two functions.

Neither, it would seem, did his patrons. These included many of the highest (if not necessarily most artistically discriminating) in the land. Understandably, because anyone who commissioned Cuneo knew precisely what he would be getting. Cuneo could be relied on, at the very least, to produce a good photographic likeness, angled perceptibly towards the heroic. He also had a definite

penchant for the larger view: many of his most effective portraits of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, for example, place them fairly and squarely in the midst of a state visit, partaking of ceremonial dinners or laying foundation stones. Others to survive creditably Cuneo's scrutiny on canvas include Edward Heath (the first official portrait as Prime Minister) and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

These were subjects guaranteed to bring fame and celebrity - he was appointed both OBE (1987) and CVO (1994) -but probably these days not much purely artistic kudos, no matter how well such paintings are done. Cuneo does not seem to have minded particularly: he knew well what his last was, and he stuck to it. Both his parents were artists. and it was never really doubted that he would follow in

their footsteps. After Sutton Valence School

he went straight to Chelsea Art School, and from there to the Slade, in one of its less inspiring periods when the impetus of art had passed elsewhere. He was of approximately the same generation as another royal favourite. Edward Seago, and cut himself off in much the same way from the fads and fancies of British modernism in the Thirties, but also perhaps from its eccentric vitality. It was as though he decided to follow in the footsteps of Frank Salisbury at a time when more and more of his contemporaries were getting excited about Continental Surrealism: consequently his work is never silly, as theirs sometimes is, but it never, either, generates the sort of unpredictable excitement that more apparently marginal members of the generation such as Edward Burra

effortlessly produce.

To be fair, Cunco never allowed himself to vegetate. He travelled constantly, painted much all over Africa. North America (where he rode the range alongside genuine cowboys and found inspiration in their lives) and the Far East. He exhibited abroad as well as at home, and got an honourable mention at the Paris Salon in 1957. He sometimes ventured successfully outside his usual range, as with his impressive Engineering Mural for the Science Museum. also in 1957. It was hardly his fault that he was fascinated by ceremony at a time when, for most others, it had lost its resonance along with its

splendour. He married Catherine Mayfield Monro in 1934, who predeceased him together with one of his two daughters. His other daughter survives

JEREMY J. BEADLE

Jeremy J. Beadle, music critic and broadcaster. died of an Aids-related illness on December 27 aged 39. He was born on April 28, 1956.

JEREMY J. BEADLE was an editor's dream writer. Any request for an exact number of words of copy by a certain date in a particular style was always met perfectly and on time. He could write or hold court knowledgeably - especially over several drinks - on almost any subject including music, sport, soap operas, literature, philosophy or politics. Indeed, when short of money in his early working life. Beadle played the quiz machines in public houses to raise extra cash - on more than one occasion an observant landlord barred him from returning because of his high success rate. His cackling laughter and

almost manic enthusiasm, together with an unassuming literary style, endeared Beadle both to his friends and his readers. His writings on clas-

sical music, particularly for Classic CD magazine, demol-ished many of the barriers often found in serious writing on the subject. That is not to say that his writing was flippant. Rather, in his reviews he refused to bow to PR pressures from multinational record labels, seeing through the gloss of a product instead

to the artistry itself. On one occassion Beadle wrote in Classic CD about the conducting on a recording of Brahms's Symphony No 3: "It sounds as though [Claudio] Abbado hasn't a clue what he's doing." The record company in question was not happy, but Beadle's statement was typical of his indisputable integrity. He could not be swayed by status, hype or reputation. Likewise he would assess without prejudice some of the more gimmicky classical recordings to emerge in recent years.

Among Beadle's other contributions to the world of classical music was the highly popular Virgin Guide to Classical Music. He also co-wrote



with Classic CD editor Rob Ainsley The Sideways Guide to Composers (illustrated with cartoons by John Minnion) and contributed to the recently published tome The Ultimate Encyclopaedia of Classical

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Jeremy John Beadle won a scholarship to St Peter's School, York, before reading

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CAPITAL FLIGHTS

detested being confused with his television namesake and regularly used the middle initial) was educated at the Minster Song School and later

and Radio 3's Christmas Quiz, eave interval talks on a variery of subjects and wrote a radio play. The Gares of the Underworld (1990), about the German critic and writer E. T. A. Hoffmann. All aspects of musical tradition interested him. Latterly he was engrossed in reviewing 20th-century works

but recently published a book on the German symphonic tradition. The Age of Romanticism (1995). Beadle's memory seemed vast. In the world of popular music he knew every number one hit of the past 35 years and a multitude of facts and figures about this genre. His third book, Will Pop Eat Itself? (1993), is widely regarded

music. Beadle's homosexuality was no secret and he wrote two novels set in the seedy London underworld for GMP, the gay

as the standard reference

work on post-modern popular

publishers. He was a chubby and nersonable man. His London flat consisted of complete, vet organised, chaos. Books. compact discs and videos were piled endlessly around the walls and on the floors as testimony to his devouring hunger for knowledge - a knowledge which he then generously shared. February's edition of Classic CD contains a number of articles and reviews completed shortly be-

lore his premature death. He was unmarried and leaves a sister.

PROFESSOR DEREK BIRCHALL

Professor Derek Birchall. OBE, FRS, research chemist and inventor. died after a road accident on December 7 aged 65. He was born on October

WITHOUT the benefit of any formal scientific training. Derek Birchall became one of the most inventive research chemists of his generation. His research, most of it done for 1Cl. ranged from fire retardant materials, inorganic fibres and cement to the biochemistry of silicon and aluminium. He was also a teacher, holding a professorship of inorganic chemistry at

Keele University.

James Derek Birchall was brought up by his grandfa-ther, his mother having died in childbirth. He was the son of an entrepreneur, and Birchall inherited something of his father's adventurous spirit. He was educated locally. in Lancashire, and left school at 14. after which he apprenticed himself to a scientist with a private laboratory. He spent the next five years as a lab assistant. By the age of 19. Birchall had made himself

an expert on flame retardation, writing a book on the subject and patenting an idea for a new sort of retardant. After National Service in the

early 1950s, he joined a company in Liverpool and oversaw the manufacture of his fire retardant. At the same time he anended evening classes at Wigan Technical College to round off his education. He joined ICI in 1957 and remained with them until 1992 heading a team of researchers. His work there centred on both fire retardants and the controlled crystallisation of common inorganic materials. He brought the two fields together with his invention of Monnex in the mid-1960s, a dry fire extinguisher.

Long before bio-inorganic chemistry became the fashionable area it is today, Birchall was reflecting on nature's use of inorganic compounds silicates and carbonates, for example — and in particular on the strong mechanical properties of shells compared with the brittleness of manmade materials such as cement and concrete, which were often based on the same

chemistry as the natural artefacts. The invention of viscous plastic processing in the 1970s. in which ceramics were mixed with a small amount of organic polymer and a suitable solvent, paved the way. among other products, for "macro-defect free" cement. Inorganic fibres were obvious candidates for fire retardant purposes but Birchall decided to try to spin inorganic fibres in a similar way to synthetic polymer fibres. The result, in 1972, was Saffil, a fibre made up of "whiskers" of alumina with excellent heat and chemical resistance, and which could be used as an insulating blanket in everything from space vehicles to car engines.

Birchail was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1982, and appointed OBE in 1990. He retired from ICI two vears later, and moved on to Keele University as Professor of Inorganic Chemistry. He was two years away from retirement there and was enjoying his work with students when a road accident caused his death.

He is survived by his two sons, his wife having predeceased him.

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The Tutankhamun sarcophagus Valley of the Kings, January 4 (The Times World Copyright)

As yesterday's message, necessarily brief owing to the hour at which the event took place, recorded, the wonderful blue and gold shrine, disclosed in the sepulchral chamber last February, has now given up its secret, concealed since the inner recesses were originally closed 3,200 years ago, and we now know that King Tutankhamun has lain within, unplundered and undisturbed. throughout that period. A short while ago, the doors of the second

New Luxor discovery

shrine stood fully revealed before our gaze. completely gilt, with magnificently incised scenes in relief of King Tutankhamun in various attitudes of worshipping, with, at the top and bottom, bolts of ebony and, in the centre, staples of bronze fastened by cord, on which the sealing is still intact.
Carefully the cord was severed, the bolts

drawn, and the doors opened, and a third shrine was revealed, exactly similar in design. of gold throughout, like the other two, with similar ebony bolts across its doors, and its cord and sealing still in position, the scaling in this case being a variant of the regular Royal necropolis scaling that bore the cartouche of

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Howard Carter and Lord Carnaryon unearthed the somb of Tutankhamun in November 1922; the discovery of the king's body was not to take place until October 1925 when the sarcophagus was opened

King Tutankhamun, as well as the ordinary representation of a jackal triumphing over its nine foes. Upon the doors were represented. carved upon the gold, a number of curious figures of gods of the underworld.

In each succeeding shrine the gold was cleaner and brighter, and as the successive doors stood open, their inner faces covered with gold, like the outer ones, the sight was dazzling, superb, almost blinding in its effect.

Once more the bolts were drawn and the seal cord cut, and then the doors of this third shrine were opened, revealing yet a fourth shrine, also of gold, brighter and more dazzling than the last. This likewise had bolts of chony, but there was no sealing. That there were now between us and the heart of the nest of shrines only the doors confronting us was evident from the fact that depicted thereon were figures of protective goddesses, with outstretched wings.

The decisive moment was at hand, and we all watched with tense excitement. The bolts of the last doors were drawn aside, the doors swang slowly open, and there, filling the entire area within the fourth shrine, and effectually barring all further progress, stood an enormous sarcophagus of crystalline sandstone, intact, with the lid still firmly in its place. At the corners, modelled in the highest relief, were figures of the four protective goddesses, Isis, Nephthys, Neith, and Selk.

From the doorway only one end of the sarcophagus could be seen, but that was sufficient to show what a magnificent piece of work it is, and its vastness, the superb nature of its decoration and carving, and the dazzling of the golden doors and sides of the various shrines, all combined to create an awe-inspiring impression, which was accentuated by the mystic mauve lights cast on the scene by the electric reflector behind us. It was a most thrilling moment, and we gazed on the speciacle spelibound and silent.

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NEWS

Stock Exchange chief sacked

■ Michael Lawrence, the £342,000-a-year Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange, was dismissed after a revolt by several powerful stockbroking firms.

The reason given by the Stock Exchange for the unexpected dismissal of Mr Lawrence was a "loss of confidence". John Kemp-Welch, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, admitted that the departure of the second chief executive to be sacked in two and a half years, was "a setback"

Blair promises low taxes

■ Tony Blair promised low taxes and low inflation in a Labour-run Britain. In his most audacious move yet to capture the Conservative mantle for competence, he told Far East businessmen that a Labour government would be better placed than the Tories to keep Britain competitive

War crimes case

University threat

ing squeeze ...

Paper tigers

Bugging row

The first man in Britain to face

prosecution for alleged Nazi

crimes, was discharged on one of

the four counts of murder alleged-

ly committed in German-occu-

pied Eastern Europe...... Page 5

Universities are threatening to

admit more foreign students and

turn away British undergradu-

ates this year in protest at a fund-

The Government and Labour

have locked horns on the critical

battleground of the election cam-

paign: the economy. The weapons

are statistics, marshalled in news-

paper advertisements Page 8

A row broke in South Africa over

the bugging of senior police offi-

cers that has drawn in the Nat-

ional Intelligence Agency and

Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy

Deportation fight

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Thatcher on attack

Baroness Thatcher has joined General Sir Peter de la Billière, Britain's Gulf War commander, in criticising the RAF's low-level bombing tactics during the 1991

Boy guestioned

Police were questioning a 15-yearold boy in connection with the murder of Philip Lawrence, the West London headmaster who was stabbed when he went to protect a pupil Page i

Private welfare

Labour leaders are to examine plans for privatising the £90-billion welfare budgetPage 2 Kicked to death

The twin brother of a 19-year-old

shopworker from Stratford-upon-Avon, who was kicked to death by a gang of youths taunting his father, wept as he told of his family's griefPage 3 Princess hits out

water industry for allowing a year of shortages in a country with abundant rainfall Page 4

The Princess Royal criticised the

Heaps of money Camelot put £60 million on display to show the nation what it would be playing for in this weekend's lottery. Deep below the Roval Bank of Scotland in north

were piled 5ft 4in high, 13ft 6in

wide and 3ft 4in deep Page 4

A Saudi Arabian dissident who faces deportation to the Caribbean island of Dominica, said that

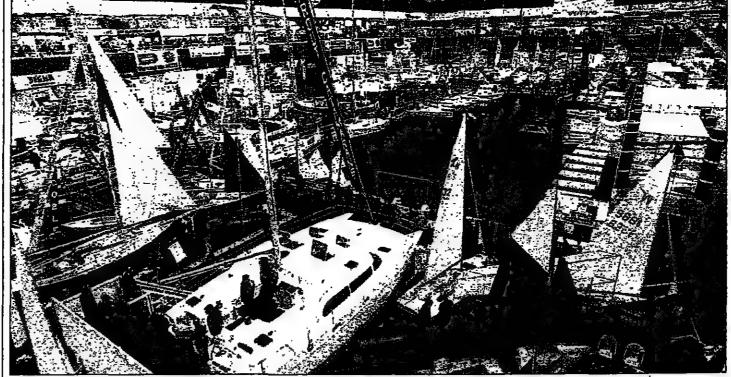
he would take his fight to the High Court... The mysterious death of Jean Schillinger, one of France's top London, bundles of £10 notes chefs, who invented some of the

most aromatic sauces, is believed

to have involved crime Page II

Chewing over the secret of success

After 115 years scientists have been called in, with the aid of £750,000, to discover the secret behind the chewy Rowntree fruit pastille. Nestle's York-based research centre and the Applied Biology department at the city's university have joined forces to find out just what makes them taste so good. The pastille was created from an old cooking recipe............Page I



Earl's court provides a safe haven for the hundreds of exhibits at the London International Boat Show which opens today

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Admission: The President of the Board of Trade, lan Lang, admitted that he misled the Commons about how £850,000 was poured into a failed computer firm...... Page 19

Video Arta: The successful training company founded in 1972 by John Cleese and Sir Antony Jay. co-author of Yes Minister, is to be listed on the stock market after being bought by MediaKey..... Page 19

Currencies: The dollar surged to its highest level against the yen for nearly two years buoyed by hopes of an end to the impasse over the US budgetPage 19

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 1.5 to 3714.1. Sterling rose from 83.4 to 84.0 afer a fall from \$1.5510 to \$1.5492 but a rise from DM2.2339 to DM2.2556..

SPORT Cricket: South Africa beat England

by ten wickets in the final Test in Cape Town to win the series 1-0. Hansie Cronje, South Africa's captain, was fined half his match fee for dissent surrounding the run-out of Graham Thorpe...... Page 36 Rugby union: Graham Shiel, the

. Page 32 Football: Terry Venables will launch England's preparations for the European championship finals by two training sessions in the next

Scotland centre, has signed for

Racing: A review of how the best horses are assessed is to be carried out after controversy surrounded the publication of the International Classifications for the 1995 Flat

☐ General: much of England and Wales will start dry. Most eastern

areas will stay dry until evening and there should be some bright spells

Rain over Wales and southwest England will edge east during the day.

Southwestern areas should in turn become drier and brighter. Northern Ireland will start wat but brighter mainly dry weather is likely by afternoon. Most of Scotland will start

dry with eastern areas having some sunshine. Hain will spread east across

London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, Central N, NE England: some bright or sunny spells. Rain by evening. Wind southeast moderate

fresh Max 5C to 8C (41F to

Scotland in the afternoon.

Naked ambitton: Showeirls, which opens in Britain next week, has been banned in Ireland because of its explicit sexual content. But will it prove to be the year's biggest ...Page 26 turn-off? ...

Besthoven recycled: The Lindsay Quartet was in superb form to launch its cycle of all the Beethoven string quartets at the Wigmore

Georgian revival: Will the rejuvenated George Michael, starting a new career on Virgin Records, achieve what Britpop cannot, and crack the US market?......Page 27 irish ditties: Best of the new alburns is a compendium of tradi-

tional Irish music; also reviewed is a release from the veteran American rapper LL Cool J.......Page 27

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Outlook: rain spreading east, brighter, showery weather on Sunday.

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founded the world's most successful advertising agency and is now doing it again...... Page 13 Persistent pest: Julia Liewellyn Smith can empathise with Madonna. Seven years after an obsessive admirer made her life a misery, she still shakes.. ..Page 12

The learning society: Is it possible to force reluctant parents by law to play their part in the new plan for taking Britain's schools into the ..Page 29 21st century? ...

The so-called learned professions should realise that if some rogues and mavericks continue on their present path, seeking to whip up legal whirlwinds, public respect for their activities will be a thing of the past · Some South Korean analysts are convinced that rice aid sent was

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tion but to too up the food inventories of the North Korean military - Wall Street Journal Three years into his administration and nearly two months after giving his personal commitment, President Clinton seems utterly incapa-

Preview: Cybill Shepherd stars in a

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sit-com with more than a hint of autobiography. Cybill (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss is intrigued by a new series about forensic science ____Page 35

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Number wars

The Tory economic message is certainly the best hope that John Major possesses. But it will not be an easy winner.... Page 15

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The Home Secretary probably has the power to deport Dr Masari. His departure may serve our immediate commercial interests: but the moral cost is high......Page 15

The water people

Aquarians seem all, in their way, cool in the face of adversity: and indeed the world owes as much to a January temperament as it does to .. Page 15

BERNARD LEVIN

Roll up! Roll up! Come and see the dying habies! See the dissidents being thrown into jail! If you are lucky you might see Wei Jingsheng himself being beaten up! If you are pery lucky, you may see Wang Dan - a young student as brave as Wei Jingsheng himself, who speaks for democracy and so far has served a four-year stretch PETER RIDDELL

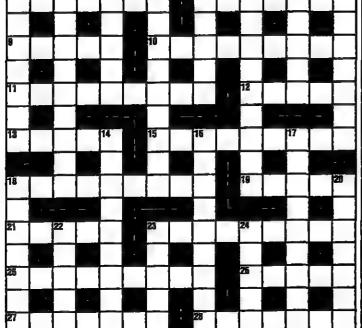
tween those who regard Sir Richard Scott as a brave, crusading judge who has exposed wrongdoing and cover-ups at the heart of Government, and those who see his inquiry as unfair to civil servants, and naive about the workings of ...Page 14 foreign policy... PHILIP HOWARD

The old enemy of fish must restrain his greed. Or he will end up on a

Sir Andrew Carnwath, managing director of Barings, 1955-74; Terence Cuneo, portrait painter; Jeremy J. Beadle, music critic; Professor Derek Birchall, research chemist ...

Mechanics of Singapore's "tiger" British Army: loyalty to party and

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- Saw typical dog restrained by lead
- 5 Right treatment for a case she's supposedly blind (7).
- 9 I may arrange to supply period 10 Royal staff require training in two
- 11 Retirement cover for person at the
- 12 Article about a new role for Macbeth? (5). 13 Positive call — a run snatched -
- they eventually make centuries! 15 Having called in, anaesthetised
- an exotic creature (5-4). 18 Styling of a long coat, not short on
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- 27 Some of side suffering reverses given out (7). 28 Obvious occasion to hide basic instincts (7).
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- pression following drama (7). Something outstanding about rough outline (9).
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- expedition (5) 6 Plan showing layers of rock and stone (9). 7 One takes over half of outlandish
- resort (5). 8 Artist using paint, see, without a modification (7).
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- 17 Use a keyboard to insert legal document into Melville's book (9). 18 Get around or possibly above it
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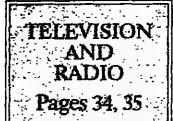
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

FRIDAY JANUARY 5 1996

I misled Commons over Rom Data, admits Lang



answers to questions about how £850,000 worth of tampayers' money was poured into a failed West Country computer firm.

and Industry to Rom Data Corporation, of Falmouth, when John Dawson, one of the company's directors, had a troubled financial background.

Jamieson that all the appropriate financial health checks had been made on the directors of Rom Data. which is now the subject of a joint investigation by the Serious Fraud Office and Devon and Cornwall

Mr Dawson, who is a former Conservative city councillor in Bath, has a history of bad debts in Britain

The chairman of the Stock

Exchange has our total sup-port. We believe in the long-term plans for the Stock

Exchange ... " But he added:

The Exchange has to find a

way of getting on with its members better than in the

past, and with its peer group, particularly the Bank of Eng-

In November, the Exchange was criticised by Pen Kent, an

executive director of the Bank

of England, who supported calls for it to co-operate with

continental European bourses

to facilitate the growth of

The appointment of Ian

rector of the Bank of England

and a member of the Ex

change's board, as non-execu-

Exchange, was interpreted in some quarters as a sign that

tive deputy chairman of the

cross-border share dealing.

land and Treasury."

can, was declared bankrupt at Truro Crown and County court last October.

respect of earlier answers which had been given earlier this year which

were misleading.
"I made it clear that I would report further to the House once the outcome of the Department's own inquiries into other aspects of its handling of the case were known."

The letter continued: "One point I am considering is whether I can throw more light on Mr Dawson's role in the Rom Data Corporation bearing in mind the fact that, as you will be aware, the Serious Fraud Office are also conducting a criminal

The SFO investigation, codenamed

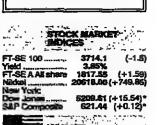
BUSINESS TODAY Inspector Steven Harrison, is under-

Mr Jamieson said last night: "I have now written to the Speaker of HE HATE the House asking for a full debate at the earliest opportunity on the Rom Data case and the role played by the "In particular I want to know why i

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on Wednesday. It also rose to DM14500 from DM14465. night came as Japanese inves-



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Morgan Stanley

Morgan Stanley, the US investment banking group. increased its net income 58 per cent to \$187 million in the fourth quarter of the year. The figure compares with \$118 million in the quarter to October 31, 1994, since Morgan Stanley changed its year end from January to November last year, Page 21

Strong demand for long-haul traffic helped British Airways to fill a record number of seats on its aircraft for the fifth successive quarter. Passenger traffic in the three months to December 31 increased 8.7 per cent while aircraft were 70 per cent full. Page 20, Tempus 22



SOME of the City's most influential figures last night lambasted Michael Law-

rence, the departing chief executive of the Stock Ex-

change, for his failure to win

consensus among member

firms, and welcomed his

With uncharacteristic can-

dour, investment banking

heads poured out their dissat-

isfaction with the way Mr

Lawrence has run the Ex-

change and over the poor relationships that had devel-

poed between the Exchange

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swift departure.

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IAN LANG, the President of the Board of Trade, has admitted that he misled the House of Commons in

Throughout last year, David Jamieson, Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport, tabled a series of parliamentary questions about grants made by the Department of Trade

City bankers

lambast sacked

Exchange chief

By PATRICIA TEHAN

moving ahead with the Se-

quence project, which is re-placing existing information

and trading services; carrying

the AIM smaller companies

market forward; continuing

the transition from the current

and the Caribbean. In the early 1980s, Mr Dawson, who is believed to be in Ireland, left the UK before a bankruptcy hearing into the collapse of John Dawson Motor (Holdings) with business and personal debts of nearly £2 million. Another Rom Data

Last month. Mr Lang admitted

that an internal DTI inquiry had shown that the officials responsible for appraising Rom Data's grant application were not aware that Mr John Dawson, who was involved with Rom Data Corporation Ltd. was a discharged bankrupt even though that information was held by the Insolvency Service".

in a subsequent letter to John Greenway, the Conservative MP, written on December 21, Mr Lang



stood to have completed questioning

a number of former Rom Data

Later this month, detectives are

expected to widen their inquiry to

overseas jurisdictions including the

Caribbean and the US.

By JANET BUSH

THE dollar source to its highest level against the yen for nearly two years in Far Eastern trading and held Its gains in Europe, buoyed by hopes of an end to the impasse over the US budget. In late European trading, the US currency was quoted at Y106.45, from Y104.95 late

The dollar's move overtors, saddled with very low interest rates at home, looked for higher returns overseas. But the new mood of optimism was reinforced by positive noises emerging from officials commenting on the stalemate over the US Budget that has closed down government business for 20 days.

Budget talks between Presi-dent Clinton and Republican leaders ended with no resolution after three hours on Wednesday night and yesterday's scheduled meeting was post-poned at the Republicans' request. However, officials said that should not be read as a sign that talks were breaking down.

Sterling jumped, helped by the rising dollar. It closed at 84.0 on its effective index against a basket of currencies, compared with 83.4 on Wednesday night.

been put in place under his leadership. These include Fall of chief ends unpopular reign

MICHAEL LAWRENCE'S abrupt departure from the heim of the Stock Exchange, like that of Peter Rawlins before him, leaves the coffinshaped skyscraper teetering in its foundations.

Heidrick & Struggles, the executive beadhunter, took eight months to find a successor for Mr Rawlins after the damage inflicted by the Taurus debacle, and the quest for another new face is not going to be any less difficult. Mr Lawrence, an "outsider"

by his own admission, arrived

full of missionary zeal when he took up the post in February 1994, after serving as finance director of Prudential Corporation. He spoke of the need to restore the Stock Exchange's reputation, yet several months later was still regarded as a faceless man, with no clear sense of direction. Insiders said that he was even less popular than the notoriously blunt Mr Rawlins, who was fond of telling minions: "I can speak than most people can

His appointment was seen as one of the most important for years, coming at a time of. intense debate over the Stock

Talisman system to paperless share trading under Crest; and seeking an international role for the Exphange. Pending the appointment of a new chief executive. John Kemp-Welch, the Exchange chairman, is to lead the executive committee charged with day-to-day management. The suddenness of the departure and the tone of the Exchange's statement demonstrated the

the floor, and the Financial Services Act had stripped

away much of its regulatory

functions. The failure of the

Taurus paperless share settle-

ment system cost City firms

up to £350 million, and left the

Stock Exchange looking in-

Mr Lawrence's term was

not a happy one. The Stock Enchange failed last year in a bid to scopper the launch of

Tradepoint, an electronic trading rival. It tried to

change the rules to prevent

members from signing up, but the move was blocked.

lowed when the Exchange

tried to prevent the launch of

share trading on the Internet,

and issued a writ for defama-

tion - which was swiftly

withdrawn — against David Jones, chief executive of ShareLink, the Birmingham

Mr Lawrence, 52, complet-

ed his doctorate in mathemat-

ical physics at Bristol

University and spent about 18

the 100 Group of top UK

based stockbroker.

Further humiliation fol-

creasingly like a lame duck.

in a brief statement, the Exchange said its board had bitter feelings that have built lost confidence in Mr Law-Sir Nicholas Redmay ted to the policies that had joint chief executive of Kleinwort Benson's invest-

> the Bank was in some way behind the changes. But this was denied by the Bank. Mr Kent's remarks followed an attack earlier in the same month by Rudolf Mueller, the chairman of UBS UK, division of Union Bank of Switzerland, who accused it of having "missed the boar" to Exchange's future. Big Bang in 1986 had taken trading off

being the central exchange for Europe. Mr Lawrence had also been criticised by market-makers for his attempts to press ahead with establishing an orderdriven quotation system at the Exchange. Market-makers say this would remove liquid-

ity from the system. But Sir Nicholas said it was "not just the market-making barons" who supported the Exchange's move, it was "the emire membership".

The fiercest criticism of Mr Lawrence came from other investment bankers who preferred not to be named. One said the board was forced to act after "a host of instances" where Mr Lawrence acted in a way that displeased the board or acted without authority. Another said that Mr Law-

rence "was not a particularly easy person to get on with". Mr Lawrence was on a oneyear rolling contract - paid £342,028 in the year to March 37 including a £100,000 bonus - and the payment is now a matter of negotiation between his lawyers and those acting years with Price Waterhouse. He is a former chairman of for the Exchange.



sixth largest mutual life office with £13 billion under management, has become the secand British insurer this week to have its financial strength rating cut by a leading agency.

The Clerical Medical downgrading by Standard & Poor's (S&P), the US corporation, from an AA- to A+ (Good), follows Tuesday's move by S&P when it cut Scottish Provident's financial health rating from AA to A+. Clerical Medical reacted

angrily to the S&P announcement as the rating agency awarded the insurer its AArating only last February. The company said it might withdraw from the rating service as it "now finds it difficult to

believe in its integrity". S&P said that the Clerical Medical downgrade reflects the agency's "more pessimistic view of the UK life industry generally, as regulatory and Lawrence goes, page 1 generally, as regulatory and Pennington, page 21 economic pressures continue

CLERICAL Medical, the UK's to depress sales volumes. S&P believes that sales volumes in the medium term will be insufficient to fully support Clerical Medical's expense base and that this is likely to result in some erosion of capital. Furthermore, capital has proved to be somewhat more volatile

than S&P's expectations." The rating agency noted, however, that the insurer enjoyed a good market position in the UK and overseas and a record of good investment performance.

Robert Walther, group chief executive of Clerical Medical, said: "Issuing this rating such a short time after awarding a higher one is puzzling. We have used the rating given us in good faith. Changing it so quickly leads me to believe that Standard & Poor's is either making a mistake now, or did so in February 1995, no one call tell which. I believe this action will do more damage to their



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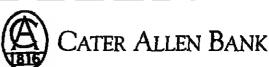
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Video Arts set for stock market debut



John Cleese's services are retained

VIDEO ARTS, the successful training company founded in 1972 by John Cleese and Sir Antony Jay, co-author of Yes Minister, is set to be listed on the stock market after being bought by MediaKey, the publishing and media

Media Key said yesterday that as well as purchasing Video Arts. from which Mr Cleese personally made several million pounds by selling his stake to the management in 1989, it is to buy Marshall Information, the book packager. MediaKey intends to fund the aquisitions by raising £20 million

will capitalise the enlarged group at £30 million.

Video Arts, which last year made an operating profit of £3 million on a turnover of £12.3 million, retains Mr

Cleese's services through a contract.
The company, which generates 80 per cent of its revenue from its backlist of training videos, has used celebrities such as Dawn French, Robert Lindsay and Hugh Laurie to convey its

Marshall Information is expected to record operating profits of £300,000 on

through a stock market flotation which turnover of about £5.5 million in the year ending December 31, 1995. The company was bought from Harlequin Enterprises in February 1995 by Richard Harman, formerly group managing director of Dorling Kindersley.

Mr Harman, now chief executive of MediaKey, said: "The transactions bring together two highly successful media companies and the placing opens the way to an exciting future in electronic publishing for the group.

The flotation will create the core for a successful electronic publishing

Deportation of dissident could bring multibillion pound sales for UK

Path cleared for huge Saudi deals

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE Government's decision to deport Saudi dissident Mohammed al-Mas'ari clears the way for British companies to complete multibillion sales of aircraft and armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia. Britain's biggest single arms customer. British Aerospace (BAe) is believed to be close to securing a deal to sell ten Avro RJ85 regional jets to Saudi Arabian

airlines (Saudia) for about

£160 million while British

arms manufacturers are bidding to sell up to E3 billion worth of armoured vehicles to the country's national guard.

Vickers, which is hoping to sell Saudi Arabia 230 Challenger 2 tanks, earning the company up to £1 billion, said it had expressed concern when approached by the Government for its views on the problems Dr al-Mas'ari's presence in Britain created. Officials at BAe have also privately expressed concern about the effect Saudi dissibeen having on their business

Saudi Arabia is a crucial customer for BAe, which already supplies it with Tornado fighter-bombers and maintenance support for its air force. A decision from Saudia on the regional jet tender is expected

Apart from BAe subsidiary Avro, other companies bidding to supply regional aircraft are understood to be

BAe took orders for 50 regional jets last year from Cross Air. part of Swiss Air, Air Malta, Lufthansa and Sabena, Production is 18 per year but could be stepped up if demand justified it.

Under the 1988 al-Yamamah 2 arms deal BAe is supplying 48 Rolls-Royce wered Tornados worth £5 billion to Saudi Arabia. It supplied 72 Tornados under the original 1985 arms-for-oil deal. Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter.

wielding enormous influence within Opec and the oil markets. Although arms are Britain's most important export to Saudi Arabia, British construction and manufacturing companies also sell there. Ann Widdecombe, Home Office Minister, said: "British interests as a whole do require his

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removal. We have got enormous export considerrations." Defence industry sources expect a decision from the Saudis in the next 12 to 18 months on the order for

Warrior vehicles made by GKN. Alvis Stormer armoured cars and AS90 selfpropelled howitzers made by VSEL a GEC subsidiary. The problems of relations

with Saudi Arabia has "obviously put a brake on a lot of negotiations," Nicholas de Jongh, a spokesman for GKN said. "As al-Mas ari is appealing. which might take some time, whatever might have been discussed is still on hold."

Demand for long-haul seats helps BA to record

By Marianne Curphey

STRONG demand for long-haul traffic helped British Airways to fill a record number of seats on its aircraft for the fifth successive quarter.

Passenger traffic in the three months to December 31 increased 8.7 per cent while aircraft, on average, were 70.6 per cent full - a record level.

BA's routes to New York and Paris remained the most popular; club and first class passengers grew 8 per cent:

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and economy traffic 9 per cent. The figures follow a summer in which BA passenger levels were up 7 per cent to 8.3 million and pre-tax profit

three months to June 30. Shares rose yesterday to 48412, their highest since February 1994. after UBS increased its estimate for the airline's pre-tax profit by £10 million to £580 million for the year ending in March. UBS raised the stock to a "buy" from a "hold" and ABN Amro Hoare Govern repeated a "buy" recommendation.

soared to £135 million in the

Peter Burgess, of Hoare Covert, said BA shares had been held back by fears of rising oil prices, a fare price war in the United States and the commitment to USAir but

had been overplayed. Oil prices were expected to drift lower; it was no surprise that the US air industry had been cutting prices in what traditionally was a lean time of the year; and he did not expect BA to increase its investment in USAir - in which it holds a 21 per cent stake and 24.6 per cent of the equity — until it had reached agreement on cuttin

campaign yesterday, the first produced for the airline by the new Saatchi company. Tempus, page 22

BA also launched a £100

million worldwide advertising



Women workers in kimonos lead the ceremony to open 1996 trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Nikkei rose 749.85 to 20.618, its highest close since September 1994

Small firms forecast to resume expansion

An optimistic forecast from Turner, Midland Bank's head of business economics, predicts that, after the Chancellor's upbeat forecast for continuing economic growth in 1996 and because of a need to expand productivity capacity, small firms will be in a position to turn their attention to investment opportunities.

ic recovery has let small busi-nesses cut debts and build up assets. They had become liquid again "and will start to look for investment opportunities to enable them to expand", he said. Midland forecasts that bank and building society borrow-ing by small companies will grow from £1.5 billion in 1995 to between £2.5 billion and £3

By Patricia Tehan

SMALL businesses have been forecast to resume expansion this year after a decade of

He said: "Despite the recovery, and the sharply higher profits it has brought, small businesses have been reluctant to invest in the future, preferring to pay off debts to banks and building societies." Mr Turner said that econom-

billion this year.
Small firms started to be net bank borrowers again in 1994, Mr Turner said, after two years as net repayers. This trend continued last year. He said: "With profit growth diminishing next year, as ecothan at its height in 1994, this is likely to encourage the use of bank finance further." However, borrowing would remain weak by the standards of the late 1980s, he said.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New plant to boost British Steel output

BRITISH STEEL is poised to increase its output of steel for cars by making a million tonnes a year after what it claims to be the fastest building of a particular caster plant by any steelmaker. The company - which is challenging in the European Court an EU move, whose way was smoothed by the British Government, to sanction subsidies to Irish Steel—has started hot commissioning of the caster plant, at Lianwern just over a year after starting to build it. Equipment from the defunct Ravenscraig steelworks helped to cut the cost of the development, which is to be followed by a fresh blast-furnace. Overall the work cost about £22 million.

The new caster removes a big capacity constraint at Lianwern. It will allow British Steel to lift production thereto three million tonnes a year, to be made on a flexible basis to cope with changing demands in the automotive market. Separately, British Steel said that it has no plans to match a 3 per cent price rise by a US competitor. Tempus, page 22

BMW pulls ahead

BMW, the German car company that owns Rover, increased its sales by 3 per cent in 1995, while sales of Rovers grew 2 per cent thanks to strong growth in worldwide sales of Land Rovers. BMW sales in 1995 totalled 574,000, while Rover sales were 358,000. BMW's motorcycyle division performed well, with sales up 7 per cent at 46,500. Land Rover sales increased 35 per cent to 127,000, offsetting an otherwise disappointing year for Rover, which saw sales decline in both the UK and Europe. Its market share slipped below 10 per cent in the UK for the first time.

Devro placing backed

DEVRO INTERNATIONAL, the food manufacturer, said that its \$133.5 million acquisition of Teepak International has moved ahead with almost 86.9 per cent backing for its placing and open offer by investors. The 1-for-10 offer and placing at 230p a share was designed to cover the \$46 million cash part of the deal. The 13.1 per cent of shares not taken up will be placed with institutions. The rest is being satisfied by the issue of 10.4 million shares and \$52.3 million convertible preference shares to the vendors. The acquisition is due to be

Brent sells again

BRENT INTERNATIONAL, the chemicals company, has continued its programme of simplifying and focusing its business with the sale of non-core businesses and surplus property assets for £7.5 million. Brent has sold its Asian industrial chemicals business, its remaining interests in aerospace equipment sales and its freehold interests in Paris and Ghent. It has also entered into a sale-and-leaseback agreement on a property in Mönchengladbach, Germany. The net proceeds of £4.5 million will be used to reduce borrowings. The shares rose 12p to 84p.

No Merrydown swap

MERRYDOWN, the cider maker, announced yesterday that it is not planning a share exchange with Two Dogs International, the Australian alcoholic lemonade company. Merrydown, which is the licensed manufacturer and distributor of Two Dogs for the United Kingdom and Europe said that it had "no present intention" of entering into any such agreement. Richard Purdey, the chairman, said: "We will naturally keep the question of possible closer involvement with Two Dogs under

Blue Bird purchase

BLUE BIRD, the confectionery company famed for its toffee with the hammer, has bought Needlers from Nidar of Norway as part of its European expansion programme. Blue Bird, now part of the Singaporean Jack Chia-MPH Group, last year celebrated its centenary by returning to profitability for the first time in 15 years. In 1995 it also bought the French companies Kesteloot and Société Européen de Confiserie as part of the group's plan to lift its European retail sales to 575 million. Blue Bird nows operates ten confectionery commillion. Blue Bird nows operates ten confectionery com-panies in seven countries and plans further acquisitions.

PIA expels member

THE Personal Investment Authority, watchdog for firms that sell direct to the public, has expelled one member and rejected the application for membership of another, MJ Planning, of Saltford, Bristol, had its authorisation to conduct investment business withdrawn after the sole trader. Michael Giblin, was declared bankrupt. Saxon Investments. of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, has had its application to join the PIA rejected after failing, despite reminders, to provide information requested by the regulator. The PIA has rejected or expelled a total of 20 firms.

Shimizu invests in Wales

SHIMIZU, the Japanese company that manufactures plastic products for the automotive and domestic electronic appliance markets, yesterday announced a £5 million investment in Newtown, Mid Wales. The announcement marks the first direct Japanese investment in rural Wales and it will result in the creation of 45 jobs. The company will begin production later this month. Shimizu's main customer is Nippon Denso, of Telford, an automotive component manufacturer, which now owns 20 per cent of Shimizu's shares.

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'Inadequate' power plans criticised

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

FRESH fears were vesterday added to the concern over the electricity industry's preparation for open competition when customers will be able to buy power from whoever they

After worries voiced by ministers and consumer groups. an energy consultancy con-demned the plans, to be implemented in 1998, as inadequate and potentially a poll tax on

The criticism comes from the EEE Group, which has advised on power industry restructuring in the US and which is headed by Alex Henney, a former electricity consumer adviser in the UK. The report said: "With many sectors of the industry dissenting from the proposals, and

with Offer failing to define who is going to pay for the costs, further slippage is inev-itable." It added that the development costs over four years would amount to £6 per customer if the costs were fed back to the electricity companies.

The electricity pool, which is responsible for pricing and settling transaction costs for power, has voiced its own fears that the industry is not gearing up sufficiently with the technology and other re-quirements to begin the

Offer said that the EEE report provided "an interesting contribution to the debate" although it agreed that it shared some of the concerns

Ford targets Indian car market

By Alasdair Murray

FORD is linking with Mahindra & Mahindra, the Indian manufacturer, to establish a Ford Fiesta factory in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Ford plans to invest \$800 million, its largest investment in the sub-continent to date. The new factory will be based outside Madras, the capital of Tamil Nadu. The annual production target is 100.000 and the first Fiesta is expected to roll off the production line in 1998. A smaller plant is also being built in Madras to assemble Ford Escorts from

India by the proximity of India's major auto-components manufacturers. Ford is confident that the Fiesta will

make the transition from Dagenham to Delhi and will find favour with India's rapidly expanding middle class. There has been an explosion in consumer credit in the last few years, with car loans readily available from banks as the middle class has taken advantage of economic reforms. India is now ranked as the world's sixth-largest country in terms of consumer purchasing power. Foreign carmakers are racing into kits, and should be open by the end of the India and car output has doubled in just

three years to around 300,000 vehicles a year. Production is expected to grow to around one million by the end of the century. Honda of Japan, Daewoo of Korea and Peugeot of France already have factories, with Chrysler, America's resurgent number three carmaker, looking to make an entry this year.

But car ownership still remains relatively small for a country with an estimated population of one billion; bicycles and motor scooters still vastly outnumber cars. There are around 24 million scooters, compared with just 3.5 million cars. Ford and its rivals believe all that could soon change.

Inchcape sells colony HQ

By Ross Tieman

INCHCAPE, the debt-laden international car distribution and services group, has sold the headquarters of Crown Motors, its Hong Kong subsidiary, to raise £56.3 million. The cash will be used to relocate that part of the business, and cut borrowings.

appointment of Sir Colin Mar-

shall, former head of British Airways, as chairman, will provide an exceptional profit of £29 million in the 1995 accounts, the company said.

Incheape started a programme to reduce borrowings after reporting half-year pretax profits of just £18.6 million, The sale, which follows the on sales of £3.03 billion, with gearing of 75 per cent.



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☐ Last orders for Exchange chief ☐ Bringing competition into the power business ☐ Weighing up the options over Forte

☐ THERE was something chillingly brutal about the dismissal of Michael Lawrence yesterday. None of the usual "seeking other business opportunities", no attempt to deny a rift or gild the curriculum vitae for the benefit of future employers.

No, he was shot "with immediate effect" because the rest of the board did not want him around any more. This is the way you treat the servant classes. Mr Lawrence was the grammar school oik turned insurance salesman brought in from outside to clear up the mess the last outsider left when he too was shown the door.

He was not part of the City club, unlike the grandees that appointed him, and so was not entitled to the normal courtesies they would expect. Mr Lawrence, most avow, could be difficult, and he did not always carry his colleagues with him. But the danger in firing any chief executive under such circumstances is that it does rather detract from those measures they were brought in by the rest of the board to put into effect, thus tarring all concerned with the same brush.

The trick is to imply that the bust-up was purely personal. So the City newswires were buzzing last night with those ever-useful

Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence

saying the dispute "was more about personalities than policies". Meanwhile there would be no change to stated policy.
When news of the sacking

hroke, observers wondered just what had been the breaking point in the relationship between Mr Lawrence and the Exchange. The most obvious own goal was the spat with Sharelink that threatened to make the Ex-

change a laughing stock.

But more damaging has been
the behind-the-scenes warfare over the switch from today's quote-driven system of trading. whereby market-makers display the price at which they will buy and sell stock to all and sundry, to an order-driven system. Under the latter, the two sides to a matched bargain conduct it electronically, and the price at which they deal moves the indicated share price.

This is the way New York and continental bourses work, and the American houses trading in the City since Big Bang have

"sources close the LSE board" long wanted it here. It is anothema to the traditional marketmakers because it wipes out their role. The Exchange said at the end of November it would be progressing towards an orderdriven system, prompting disaffection among the old guard and some cymicism as to the pace

of that progress.

The next few months will see whether that cynicism was justified. Will it be, as the Exchange chairman says, vigorous strides towards "full electronic trading and order matching?" Or will the grandees echo St Augustine: "Oh Lord, give me order-driven trading - but not yet.

A whimper rather than a big bang

WHEN your throat is about to be cut, you do not rush to help to sharpen the knife. Little wonder, then, that the electricity industry is not falling over itself to speed the progress to-wards open competition in 1998.

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taken towards what has been dressed up as a big bang in energy, when the whole of the domestic market will be up for grabs and customers can buy

their power from anyone.
Now even Stephen Littlechild, whose job it is to ensure the whole thing happens, has uneas-ily shuffled his feet and suggested the industry might please
— if it can see its way clear — get a move on.

He is anxious to avoid the fiasco of 1994, when the electricity market for large users was opened up to competition in a wholly unprepared fashion, and the industry sumbled out of bed one day into a whole new world of administrative problems, disputed power charges and technological inadequacies.

He was criticised then for entering the debate far too late in the day, and he has not learnt. The matter of who will pay for implementing the mechanics of competition has not been settled, even though the bill, estimated at more than £300 million, was supposed to have been assigned by the end of the year. The electricity companies are keen it should not fall to them. Why should their shareholders pay to help other companies to take

being force-fed in a way that never happened with telecommunications. Nobody asked BT shareholders to help Mercury on line. If 1998 is going to function well, or indeed happen at all, Professor Littlechild must either and the state of the state find the money from Tim Eggar's pocket or implement new electricity licences that de-

The competition in energy is

mand the companies begin making progress, rather than merely asking them politely to hasten their commercial eclipse.

Granada needs to cast a new spell

GERRY ROBINSON may reflect that life is unfair as he mulis over a higher Granada bid for Forte this weekend. Forte's defence has been so drastic that a slimmed down company would have more margin for error than a stretched Granada-cum-Forte. The City, including many institutions with shares in both, seems to prefer the version produced by long-term laggard Forte to that dreamt up by fast-moving win-ner Granada.

The institutions are now much taken with the option, suggested in this column, of Mr Robinson buying only the catering busi-nesses he knows. Instead he claims blithely that international hotels, like television, require no special expertise and that simple

universal management techniques to cut costs and raise prices will widen margins. Granada can still step back

and aim instead to top the conditional sale of Forte's roadside restaurants and motorway stops to Whitbread. Any such offer is not certain to succeed. Contracts allow Whitbread to share any premium and Granada cannot add Forte's motor-

way business to its own.

The odds are still on pride requiring a higher bid. But if Mr Robinson really believes that no industry is unique and that his team can weave magic with margins, he could think laterally and buy top contractor Amec's £2 billion a-year turnover for little more than petty cash.

Common currency

AFTER claims that the majority of businessmen think a common Euro-currency a ripping wheeze, the latest dispatch from the surveys front suggests that indeed, most of the actual public both understand and support the European Union and EMU, partial or not. Where do they find such surveys? In this case, on the pay-roll of something called the European Movement. Which ex-

Morgan Stanley increases its income to \$187m

Lee investigating

a \$120 million offshore fund. A

group of investors is suing the bank for alleged gross negli-gence over valuations provid-ed for The Global Opportunity

Fund, to which Morgan Stan-

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MORGAN Stanley, the US investment banking giant, increased its net income 58 per cent to \$187 million in the fourth quarter of the year.

The figure compares with \$118 million in the quarter to end-October 1994, since Morgan stanley changed its year-end from January to November last year. Net income for the ten-

month fiscal year to November 30 was \$600 million, or \$6.96 per common share. Net \$3.6 billion and fully diluted earnings per share were \$6.65.

Richard Fisher, chairman, said that the strong results followed "a difficult period in 1994". He said investment banking revenue increased thanks to "buoyant mergers and acquisitions markets around the world" and a particularly equity issues. He said: "We remain com-

mitted to our long-term strategy of expanding and enhancing our presence around the world."

Morgan Stanley yesterday sought to distance itself from court action in Luxembourg stemming from the collapse of

The timetable for the case will be spelt out in Luxembourg today. The lawsuit alleges negligence by Morgan Stanley relating principally to the overvaluation of the fund, which collapsed in February 1995 after a series of redemp-

tions by investors. Rakisons, the London-based law firm, and Bonn & Schmitt, a Luxembourg firm, are acting on behalf of investors, who allege losses of up to \$70 million.

Lee & Allen, a London forensic accounting firm, has been retained to investigate alleged irregularities in the fund.

□ Lehman Brothers, the US financial institution, increased its net income by 50 per cent to \$69 million in the fourth quarter to November after a \$58 million charge for occupancyrelated property expenses and

The charge was partly offset by a gain of \$47 million on the sale of Lehman's stake in Omnitel Sistemi Radiocellullari Italiani. For the year to November, net income more than doubled from \$113 million to \$242 million on total revenues of \$3.1 billion, up from \$2.7 billion.

Halifax set to expand insurance

Halifax, the UK's largest building society, confirmed vesterday it is prepared to buy a mutual insurance company to enhance its own Halifax

Life, launched a year ago.

A spokesman said: "We know there are a number of opportunities in the marketplace and have looked at some of them. If we do buy anything it will have to be at the right price and fit in with our existing business

BR signals sale

British Rail has completed the sale of its second signalling and contracting business, Interlogic Control Engineering, to ABB Daimler-Benz Transportation, which rivals GEC-Alsthom as one of Europe's largest rail-equipment businesses. Interlogic employs a total of 420.

Druck ahead

A strong order book, fuelled by a rise in exports, helped pre-tax profits at Druck Holdings, which makes electronic pressure sensors and transducers, to jump 69 per cent to £4.4 million in the six months to September 30. Sales advariced 34 per cent to £22.7 million. The interim dividend is raised to 5p (4.1p), payable on February 19, from carnings per share of 43.lp (26.lp).

Mirror deal

A compensation deal has been struck between Mirror Group newspapers and Nightfreight, a distribution service that handied The Independent before Mirror Group bought 43 per cent of the newspaper in 1994. Payment details were not dis-

Retailer closer to relisting

ATTEMPTS to rescue Owen & Robinson, the sportswear retailer, took a step forward yesterday when it emerged that a former chairman had paid £5.5 million for a large chunk of the company's debt and shares.

The move clears the way for the company's shares to be relisted after a five-month suspension and ends the company's short-lived involvement

with Philip Green, the flamboyant former head of Amber Day, the discount clothing chain renamed WEW. Morris Dwek, a former chairman, succeeded in raising funds to acquire the debt and a 16 per cent equity stake

their business?

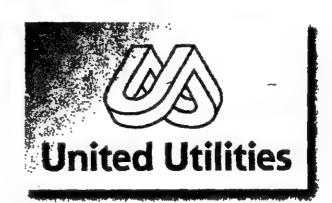
in the company from Mr Green. Mr Green acquired £6 million of the company's debt at a discount from TSB last July. At the same time, he acquired the shares. He is thought to have made a small profit on the deal. SelecTV decision next week

BY ERIC REGULY

PEARSON, the media group that owns the Financial Times and Penguin books, will decide next week whether to bid for SelecTV, the television company that made Lovejoy and Birds of a Feather. A decision to proceed with the £45 million deal is said to hinge on whether it can line up buyers for the parts of SelecTV it does not want. Pearson wants SelecTV's library and

production arm. but not its cable channel or its 15 per cent interest in Meridian Broadcasting.

MAI, the ITV company that already owns 61 per cent of Meridian, is the logical buyer for the stake. Carlton Broadcasting, owner of the London weekday franchise, has been in talks with Pearson to buy SelecTV's cable channel, but is unlikely to to commit itself unless it can find a distribution outlet for the channel.



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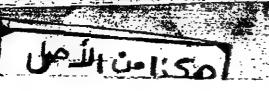
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Deportation order boosts defence companies shares

SHARES with a defence bias received a lift after the Home Office issued a deportation order to a leading Saudi Arabian dissident who has been a thorn in the side of British-Saudi relations for

The move is said to have been prompted by pressures from the Riyadh regime, the US Government and British arms companies.

City analysts said the order to deport Mohammed al-Mas'ari, a Saudi Arabian dissident who is head of an influential London-based Islamic opposition group, will boost hopes of those bidding for major Middle East contracts. There were gains for those expected to be the main beneficiaries, with British Aerospace, also helped by a Merrill Lynch recommendation and recent orders for the Airbus consortium in which it is a partner, up 18p to 306p, GEC 82p to 3502p, GKN lip to 799p, and Vickers, which is hoping to win orders for Challenger tanks, 2p stronger

at 259p. Meanwhile, leading shares paused for breath after Wednesday's Wall Street-inspired advance, though a firm bond market and numerous special situations driven by bid speculation and broker recommendations kept secondary issues alive.

The market was not affected by news that Michael Lawrence was forced to resign as chief executive of the London Stock Exchange after the Exchange's board lost confidence in him. The City views his departure as a setback for those hoping to see orderdriven dealing.

A positive start on Wall Street had little impact on sentiment in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index traded in a narrow range, but touched a new intra-day trading high of 3,723.0 before ending down 1.5 at 3,714.1. Second-liners enjoyed a better run, with the FT-SE Mid 250 index rising 17.5 to 4,071.4. Volume reached 735.2 million

higher to 488p, on volume of II.2 million shares, after UBS upgraded its profit forecasts for the next two years and moved its recommendation on the stock from hold to buy. Richard Hannah at UBS has increased his current year pretax profit estimate for the year to March 31 by EIO million to



The Home Office move should help Challenger tank orders

£580 million, with next year's forecast raised by £40 million to £660 million.

Mr Hannah attributes the upgrades to better-than-expected volume growth and less pessimism about pressures on the pricing side.

Courtaulds added 15p to 432p, with the shares boosted by a positive note from SBC

volume of 20.8 million shares traded - the day's biggest individual volume. Forte eased 2p to 3424p on

the growing expecation that it will fend off Granada's hostile £3.3 billion bid, though there was also disappointment that the television to leisure group increased offer. The City has Warburg, but RTZ eased 6p to given a largely positive reac-

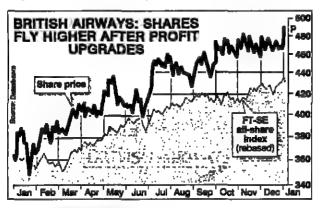
National Power dimmed 8p to 452p and PowerGen 8p to 520p, with talk that Goldman Sachs was leading a switch out of the UK generators, but the Scottish generators benefited as Credit Lyonnais Laing recommended Scottish Hydro. up 7p to 367p, and Scottish Power, ahead 9p to 384p.

913p after a Kleinwort Benson downgrade.

British Steel saw the biggest percentage rise among FT-SE stocks, hardening 64p to 1684 p, or 4.2 per cent, on heavy volume of 15.3 million shares, on the back of firmer steel prices in the United

US selling and UK buying resulted in Hanson rising 6½p to 2034p. on heavy tion to Forte's robust final defence document issued earlier in the week. Granada, up 3½ p to 653p, has until January 9 to increase its bid, with the offer closing on January 23. Dealers said Granada will probably have to raise its terms by about 15 per cent to be sure of success.

Elsewhere, break-up speculation surrounding Thorn EMI sent shares in the music-



saying that the stock will be worth £19 a share after the proposed demerger of its music and rentals businesses later in the vear. Back on the profits warning front, Jacques Vert was the

shares in the fashion group dived 66p to 115p after it accompanied a slump in firsthalf profits with a warning about second-half trading. Water stocks, recently hit by

fears about compensation to customers with interrupted supply, rallied, though the impact of burst pipes after the freeze hit many of the insurers. The insurance sector, recently buoyed by bid speculation, was depressed as estimates emerged that the sector is facing a £500 million bill for damage caused by the burst pipes in the North and Scotand, Commercial Union lost 12p to 610p, General Accident 13p to 646p, Royal Insurance 7p to 385p, GRE 7p to 267p

and Sun Alliance 11p to 369p. Bid speculation helped to fuel rises for many in the life gained 11p to 485p, Britannie 14p to 813p and London and Manchester, squeezed higher by specualtive talk that the Halifax Building Society or Liverpool Victoria may bid, added 8p to 428p. Elsewhere, bid speculation

helped Vaux Group to climb Sp to 27Sp, with Bass, up 4p at 729p, still seen as the favourite to launch a bid for the Sunderland-based brewing to Swallow Hotels and nursing

homes group.

GILT-EDGED: A brighter outlook for interest rates and inflation helped gilts to shake off some of the recent political uncertainties. Sentiment was also boosted by an unchanged German repo rate and firmer US Treasuries.

The March long gilt future rose 22 ticks to £1102732, on volume of 56,000 contracts. The rise prompted the Government to sell a bit more of the index-linked tap. Among conventional stocks, shortergains among stocks stretched to E4 and index-linked climbed £516. NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average remained firm at midday, gaining 15.4 points to 5,209.61, helped by hopes of a US budget agreement. Declining

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Flying a little higher

ecember, the stock market warmed to the hares. The City believes that, with growth at in average of 9 per cent over the past six nonths, any fall needs watching but at least emand for seats and the airline's ability to upply them are moving in parallel. If only hat was always the case in an industry prone economic cycles and which because of high

osts can easily hit losses. Lately the market has worried about three A problems: the impact of higher oil prices, a are price war in America and the problems at USAir, 24.6 per cent owned by BA.

All the more surprising then that the shares should rise 14p to 484p yesterday, the highest since February 1994. However, stockbrokers

UST as British Airways clocked up its lowest at UBS brought BA shares out of the cold, towth in monthly passenger traffic for the putting them on a buy rating instead of hold, putting them on a buy rating instead of hold, putting them on a buy rating instead of hold, and raised profits forecasts to £580 million for the year just coming to an end from £570 million. The following year's figure is raised to £660 million from £620 million.

It seems that oil prices will not peak as once thought and that the market has now realised that US airlines always cut prices in the winter. BA is even sounding enthusiastic again about USAir after last year writing down the value of the stake from \$400 million to \$200 million. USAir recently ended merger to like with American Addison of United Pull talks with American Airlines and United. Full marks to arch-rival Richard Branson, however. He managed to spoil BA's marketing launch day by being picked by the Connect business magazine as the boss British people would most like to work for.

British Steel

THE new year has got off to a roaring start for all sorts of different reasons. British Steel enjoyed the biggest rise. 7p to 168p, on the stock market yesterday and the highest volume of the day. As a highly cyclical stock, British Steel started turning down last year on fears of recession in general and problems of excess stocks in

America in particular, But LTV, the US steel producer, yesterday had sufficient confidence to raise prices for hot rolled coil steel products by 3 While British Steel said It

had no plans to match LTV, it added that it was encourdemonstrated that excess stock problems in the US had largely been resolved. Last year, it was possible to pay 20 per cent more for hot

Biotechnology BIOTECHNOLOGY and pharmaceutical stocks have

rush to spot the next Glaxo. Initial rises reflected a rerating as biotech companies went from being undervalued to more reasonable valuations. In spite of an absence of profits or marketable producis, speculative demand is often based on the hope that discoveries in molecular biology and biochemistry will enable companies to develop new wonder drugs. But share sales by directors and some

traded shares is often fuelled

than in America.

The bad news for British Steel is that while America gets better. Europe is likely to remain as bad for the coming year. What has just been achieved in America on stocks is still three or six months away in Europe. although a tonne of hot rolled coil would still cost

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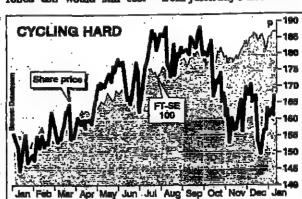
\$425 in Europe against the new US price of \$360.

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Meanwhile, European prices are likely to be in the doldrums, and British Steel shareholders will be left to focus on the 5.5 per cent yield from an expected maintained dividend this year. This prospect should stop the share price falling too much from yesterday's close.



seen spectacular growth in the past year. But the growth has been knocked back as the capital markets encouraged a flood of flotations in a products. The likes of British Biotech, Celltech, Cortec and Celsis, to name a few, could go up another 50 per cent this year, but they can also halve.

as fund managers, try to rewards offered by blotech companies with a more limited downside if they fail to enjoys getting his money

Volatility will continue. Positive news flow and clinical trials data can see biotech shares double in a day or two, but negative data can see the shares halve in a couple of hours. However, with many stocks no longer undervalued, sustainable future gains will be driven only by favourable news flow and progress in the clinical development phases of their

deliver on their promises.

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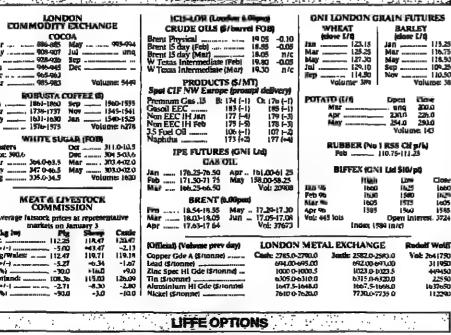
odds of winning the huge National Lottery rollover jackpot of an expected £35 million this weekend are one in 14 million or so. Such odds are simply too big for your ever-prudent columnist who,

of the adult population expected to buy a lottery ticket, prefer instead the odds on winning the humbler £1 million monthly Premium Bond prize offered by National Savings.
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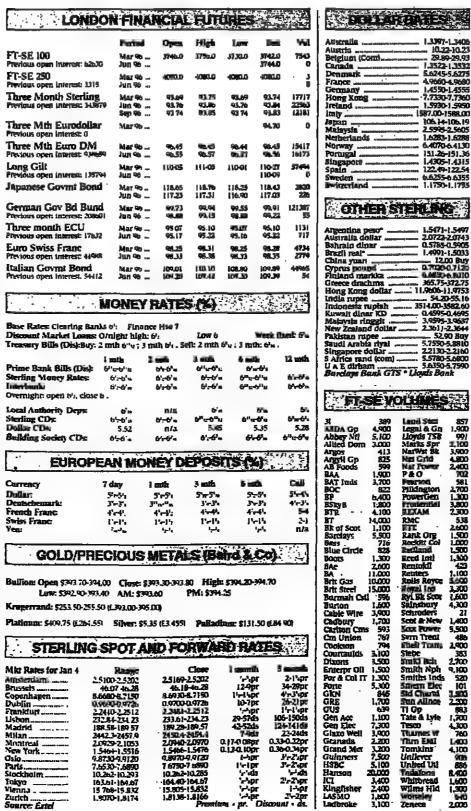
carries only a 1 in 5.82 billion chance, but at least the stake stays on for the following months and years as well The odds shrink to 1 in 58.21 million for holders of £100 in premium bonds; 1 in 5.82 milmere 1 in 582,076 for holders of £10,000 and I in 291,038 for holders of £20,000, the maximum allowed.

This is likely to discourage the attentions of syndicates also have noted that Premium Bonds cannot be held jointly. After a minimal return - £20 - on gambling £5 a week for a year on the Lottery, your columnist is now investing £250 for the forthcoming year in Premium while enjoying a gamble, also

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ALGY CLUFF vesterday proved just what an officer and a gentleman he is. The takeover of his Cluff Resources mining group was declared unconditional in the morning by bidder Ashanti Goldfields, and by noon Cluff had penned a letter to Ashanti's chief executive Sam Jonah to congratulate him. Algy will be under contract to Cluff's new owners for at least a year. However if, in time, Algy spawns Chiff Two and starts all over again, I, for one, would not be surprised.

Lloyd's or Lloyds

IT SEEMS that both Lloyd's of London and the clearing banks need to give some lessons to the Labour Party. In discussing the Education (Student Loans) Bill: Maria Pyfe, Labour MP for Glasgow, Maryhill, asked the committee chairman if three Conservative MPs, apparently members of Lloyd's, should declare an interest because their bank may possibly be involved". Nicholas Baker, MP for North Dorset, put Mrs. Fyle right. "The hon lady talks about her ignorance. I assure her that Lloyd's the underwriters are not the same as Lloyds Bank."



WALL STREET

The water compensation has arrived"

Gilt warning

IMRO, as part of its brief to ensure investors are fully aware of what they are investing in, yesterday issued a new set of disclosure requirements governing unit trusts and the like. Paragraph 34 of the document starkly illustrates how times have changed. This requires that specific mention be made if more than 35 per cent of the portfolio consists, or is likely to consist, of gilts! The new Imro regulation is detailed under the head-

Bigger splash

YOU won't find Thames Water chiefs out there with a bucket and mon in hand helping to end the misery of burst water pipes. Instead, they are getting on with their business — in England and in India Thames came through the summer without any water restrictions, and if there are any cirrent weather problems then they are modest. That leaves Thames time to lend a hand to India where water problems can be a health problem. Thames told the Westmin-ster Review: We have aiready started work in. Bombay on a project which should double the supply of water there, and we are hopeful of winning a lot more contracts."

Companies that hanker after a lord on the board

Frank Leduc

on why peers

have become a valuable

business asset

eers have never been lend the boardroom a little bit of class and nowhere more so than in banks and transport core-

A survey of Britain's 250 largest listed companies, for The Times by Pensions Investment Research Consultants (PIRC) found that 134 peers were directors of 88 companies. Remarkable, given that there are fewer than 1,200 peers. The pool of available boardroom talent reduces considerably if the archbishops and bishops are excluded, together with members of the Government, spokesmen for the Opposition, law lords and those who have already retired from the business world.

Many of the companies who appoint lords are world leaders so it is puzzling that they appear to hanker for a bygone age Anne Simpson, joint man-aging director of PIRC, said: "It may well give added gravitas to the board, but gravitas does not equal competence. The tradition of appoint ing those who will grace the headed notepaper isn't necessarily something our competitors would understand. Boards aren't mantelpieces to display decorative objects. The directors should all be there through merit, hard work and

The status of a duke or viscount is seen by some companies as an asset when trying to win foreign contracts, or if notential clients include social climbers or the easily awed. Those businesses dependent on government contracts may like to have someone on their side who is well-versed in the ways of Whitehall and Westminster, and who has useful contacts in many cases former ministers or civil servants.

Ms Simpson said that while some peers were successful businessmen who had been ennobled in recognition of their achievements, others were appointed by companies "in the hope that this is going to give them some additional sway with the Government". The PIRC survey found that two sectors, banking and transport, which are closely affected by government poli-cles, had a particularly high proportion of lords on the

Sceptics say that the bestowal of a peerage on a chairman or chief executive sometimes. follows donations to a political party. The coincidence (in statistical terms) of honours and political donations was highlighted in an Investors likely to find a lord who went

A firer a long, steep climb last year, shares in Britain's biotechnology companies are showing signs of running out of breath. A bandful of

directors selling shares and some scepti-cal newspaper comment has deflated the bubble of optimism that reached its height

last month after extremely positive results from clinical trials of marimastat, British Biotech's cancer drug.

Many investors feel uneasy trying to

make sense of these strange companies without profits or even marketable prod-

ucts. The discoveries of molecular biology

and biochemistry may enable biotech

companies to develop new wonder drugs, but it is extremely difficult to distinguish between likely winners and those pump-

ing money into fruitless research.

Bill Pike, national life sciences partner

of Ernst & Young, said: "If you go to a casino someone can tell you what the odds

are. In biotechnology, people are playing a game where they don't know the odds in

the casino." The gambling imagery is

reinforced by the seemingly extravagant

values forecast for biotech companies by-

the City. By December some analysis

reckon that shares in British Biotech,

which quadrupled to more than £16 last

year, could be worth £35 or more, putting

a £2 billion market value on a company

ian White, a Flemings analyst, said

British Biotech's share price would be

justified if marimastat took just 1 per cent

of the market for cancer drugs - £300

million a year. He believes the chances of

some form of the drug reaching the

market already exceed 90 per cent. With

most of the hopes based on imitial results

from a small clinical trial, it is not hard to

find sceptics who regard the sector as

over hyped. But at least the City is trying

to get to grips with the valuation problem.

with sales of only £5 million.









The Duke of Westminster, left, a City director, and Lord Ashburton, a former chairman of BP

only 6 per cent of all public companies gave to the Conservative cause, yet half the peers created in these three years were directors of these few companies."

One thing that can be said about the seventh Earl of Anywhere or the fifth Lord Nobody is that, by succeeding to their titles, there can be no suspicion that they obtained them in anything other than honourable circumstances.

Equally, faulting the educa-tional background of such peers would be hard. The majority of the 770 hereditary peers had highly expensive educations with Eton predominating. And the majority went on to Oxford or Cambridge. Only from among the ranks of Britain's 400 life peers is one

ber are ex-public school or Oxbridge graduates or both.

But not Lord Sheppard of Didgemere. Typical of the selfmade man, he rose from humble origins in the East End of London to become chairman of Grand Metropolitan, the international food and drinks group.

Lord Hanson's background was hardly one of grinding poverty. He started out running a family transport business before establishing one of the biggest deal-making con-glomerates of the 20th century.

Viscount Blakenham, chairman of Pearson, the media and entertainment group that owns the Financial Times and Penguin Books, inherited his title. He is a member of the Pearson family that founded the business and still has a Chronicle report last summer. to a state school or a redbrick stake. He once said: "I have

Paul Durman weighs up the wonder drugs

Biotechnology's air of mystery

Peter Doyle: "slender evidence"

Most analysts are using discounted cashflow models. For each drug, they

estimate potential future sales of an

effective and safe product, and then allow

for the current stage of development. The

rule of thumb is that in phase I (safety-

testing) trials, a drug has only a 10-20 per

cent chance of reaching the market.

Successful phase 2 trials (on sick patients)

lift the chances to better than 50 per cent,

which will rise to more than 75 per cent by

the end of the large phase 3 trials.

From these calculations, analysis can

estimate a biotech company's future revenues and hence its value. This is then

discounted back, at a rate that supposedly

allows for the risks, to produce a present value. Mr Pike said that the elegance of

the models was overwhelmed by the

critical importance of the assumptions.

But although the discounted cashflow approach is highly subjective, there is

As Erling Refsum at Yamaichi conced-

currently no better alternative.

politician who was made a peer." This genule, understatement ignores the fact that his naternal grandfather was the fourth Earl of Listowel. His maternal grandfather was the Pearson connection. And one of his great-grandfathers was the second Lord Derwent.

Lord Blakenham has also said: "I like to think I would be running something else if it were not for the family connection." Educated at Eton and Harvard, and with a career that has not been confined to the family firm, his view is probably accurate. It seems mand a seat at the top table of one of Britain's biggest companies - and for so long without a certain degree of

Viscount Blakenham is not Patrick Tooher, the author, university. And even among never thought of myself as an the only director of a news-said: "Between 1979 and 1982, life peers, a significant num-aristocrat. My father was a paper publishing company to

ed: "Basically, it's a guess, if the numbers start looking so ludicrous that you risk

looking a bit of an idiot, then you stick on

a higher discount rate. You fudge ... because the whole thing is a fudge. "What matters, he said, is the way in which

forecasts move as analysts recalculate

figures when news emerges.

Dr Refsum is still predicting big rises this

year from British Biotech, Scotia Holdings, Chiroscience, Cortecs International and

Oxford Molecular. At around £800 million,

British Biotech's market value puts it among

the world's leading biotech companies, on a

par with Biochem Pharma, the Canadian

company that has won approval for the Aids

Zeneca, the UK drugs company, has

recently increased the amount it invests

on partnerships with biotech companies

Peter Doyle, the Zeneca director responsi-

ble for research and development, ex-

pressed surprise at some of the optimism

in the UK. "The market has attributed

values to companies and products on

Tew doubt the future importance of

indechnology; leading pharmaceu-

L tical groups are increasingly reliant

on the biotech industry to supplement

deliver on their promises. An investment

in British Biotech might have a 50 per cent

downside, but a 1,000 per cent upside. The

problems of analysis, and the importance

of sentiment, mean that share prices in the

sector will remain volatile. As ever with

the stock market, it is often better to travel

rather slender evidence." he said.

Take cover to fight those hostile bids

Insurance can help to ease the cost of a takeover battle, Sarah Bagnali finds

braces itself for another year of frenzied bid battles, potential targets may want to consider insuring themselves against the cost of defending an unweicome approach. Last year more than £70 billion worth of takeovers and mergers were completed and all the indications point towards an equally busy

include: the Earl of Cromer (Incheape): Lord Howick of Glendale (Northern Rock Building Society): and Lord Fighting off a bid is not cheap. The cost of the neces-Ashburton, who retired as chairman of BP last year. sary array of merchant bankers, lawyers, accoun-Two chairmen of Sainsbury since 1956, who tants and public relations served 34 years between them. experts can run into tens of were Lord Sainsbury and his millions of pounds -- a bill son Lord Sainsbury of Preston that hits earnings per share Candover.

The majority of hereditary peers who run a business, and can seriously deplete a company's cash resources. however, control a private holding company with the aim

have ink mingled with the blue blood coursing through

his veins. Others include Vis-

count Rothermere, chairman of the Daily Mail and General

Trust, and Lord Hartwell, who stepped down this week

The Baring family did more than furnishthe boardroom of

Baring Brothers, Britan's old-

est bank, which was rescued

by ING, the Dutch company, after Nick Leeson brought it

down. Directors among the

present generation of five

ords with the surname Baring

of earning a decent return on

the family's assets. The Duke

of Westminster, for example, a

director of Sun Alliance and

one of Britain's wealthiest

people is also a director of

Grosvenor Estate Holdings.

which runs his London prop-

A relatively new strand of

boardroom lord is the retired

An increasing number are taking up lucrative posts in the

City after retiring from minis-

terial office. Many of them

preached from the gospel of.

free enterprise during the

Eighties, although few, if any,

of their appointments to com-

pany hoards followed an open.

visible and competitive selec-

Does it matter? Ms Simp-

son is quick to point out that

the quality of those who run

companies is significant for UK plc and for those they employ in increasingly com-

petitive and global markets.

Ms Simpson believes that

companies should introduce

nomination committees in-

stead of "quaint medieval ap-

pointments". She said: "What

we want to see is a transparent

approach. That shouldn't ex-

clude the ennobled, offspring,

relatives or friends, but they

should have to compete with

The issue really is Britain

having to operate in an ex-

tremely competitive interna-

tional environment. Where are

the brightest and best going to

come from? The House of

Lords is not necessarily the

evervone else.

first port of call."

politician.

tion process.

at The Telegraph.

As soon as a bidder has swooped on his prey, the victim collects advisers, which can include management consultants, such as Boston Consulting, and detective agen-

cies. such as Kroll Associates. The rule by the City to calculate average cost of a company defence is 0.8 per cent of the

value of the bid. For smaller companies, with market values of up to £100 million, the percentage rises to 1.5 to 2 per cent.

tile bid for Forte and the latter's defence could cost £25.6 million, while Amec's successful defence against a £360 million bid from Kvaerner could have cost about £2.9 million. Acquisitions Monthly estimates that last year's deals netted nearly £1 billion worth of fees for external advisers. defence costs could be recov-

cessfully thwarted. Well, they can. TOI Corporate Services, an arm of Swire Fraser, the Llovd's broker, offers takeover insurance to cover defence costs. Sandra Ringsell, a former

moment, we are covering about 100 companies — fence of all defences should consider taking out a policy.

The cover costs between 3.5 and 6 per cent of the sum

assured, depending on the target's perceived risk of a to successfully defend itself As a result, if a company spent £1,750 it could recoup costs of up to £50,000 and a premium of £70,000 could lead to the recovery of fees of up £2 million.

The cover lasts 15 months but if a bid is made in the first three months no claim can be made. Miss Ringsell believes the investment is worth making. "Besides incurring substantial professional fees, a bid can have a detrimental impact on a company's cash flow, it borrowing capabilities and its earnings per share." Furthermore, companies financially weakened by a hostile

6 The odds of being the subject of a takeover bid

are short 9

Apply this formula to Granada's £3.2 billion hosgoods, printing and paper and packaging and retailers

Imagine then that these ered if the advances of an attwelcome suitor were suc-

second onslaught. The earnresult of the accounting

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costs from pre tax profits. The odds of being the subject of a takeover bid are surprisingly short. Last year, TOI estimated that in the years 1990 to 1994 a quoted company had a one in four chance of being acquired. And those companies most concerned about failing prey to a bostile bid are in the engineering sector. The next most cautious sectors are electronics and electrical equipment, household

and distributors. However, the most caus tious are not necessarily the most likely to be targeted. TOI reckons the sectors most likely in the firing line this year are telecommunications, food munufacturers. chemicals, insurance; paper, packaging and printing. phermaceuticals, and the drinks industry.

up TOI in 1990, says: "At the tives wanting to ensure they

BRADFORD & BINGLEY'S NEW RATES OF INTEREST **EFFECTIVE FROM 7 JANUARY 1996**

		 Annual Interest 		Monthly Interest	
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	£3,000+	3.60	2.70	-	-
	£10,000+	405	3.04	-	-
	£25,000+	4,65	3.49	-	-
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	£3,000÷	3.95	2.00	3.85	2.89
	£10,000+	495	3.71	4.80	3.60
	£20,000+	40	4.05	5.20	3,90
	£40,000+	555	4.16	5.35	4,01
	£80,000+	585	4.39	5.63	4.24
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	£25,000+	4.50	3.38	-	-
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	€25,000+	16.0%	4,54	5.85	4.39
	£30,000+	6.15	4.61	5.95	4.46
	£100,000+	6.25	4.69	0.05	4.54

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	£30,000+	5.55	81 1	5.35	4.01

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their drug pipelines. John Savin, analyst at Greig Middleton, the broker, said fund managers had to realise the scale of the rewards offered by biotech companies. Shares in the leading companies could still rise another eight or ten times if they

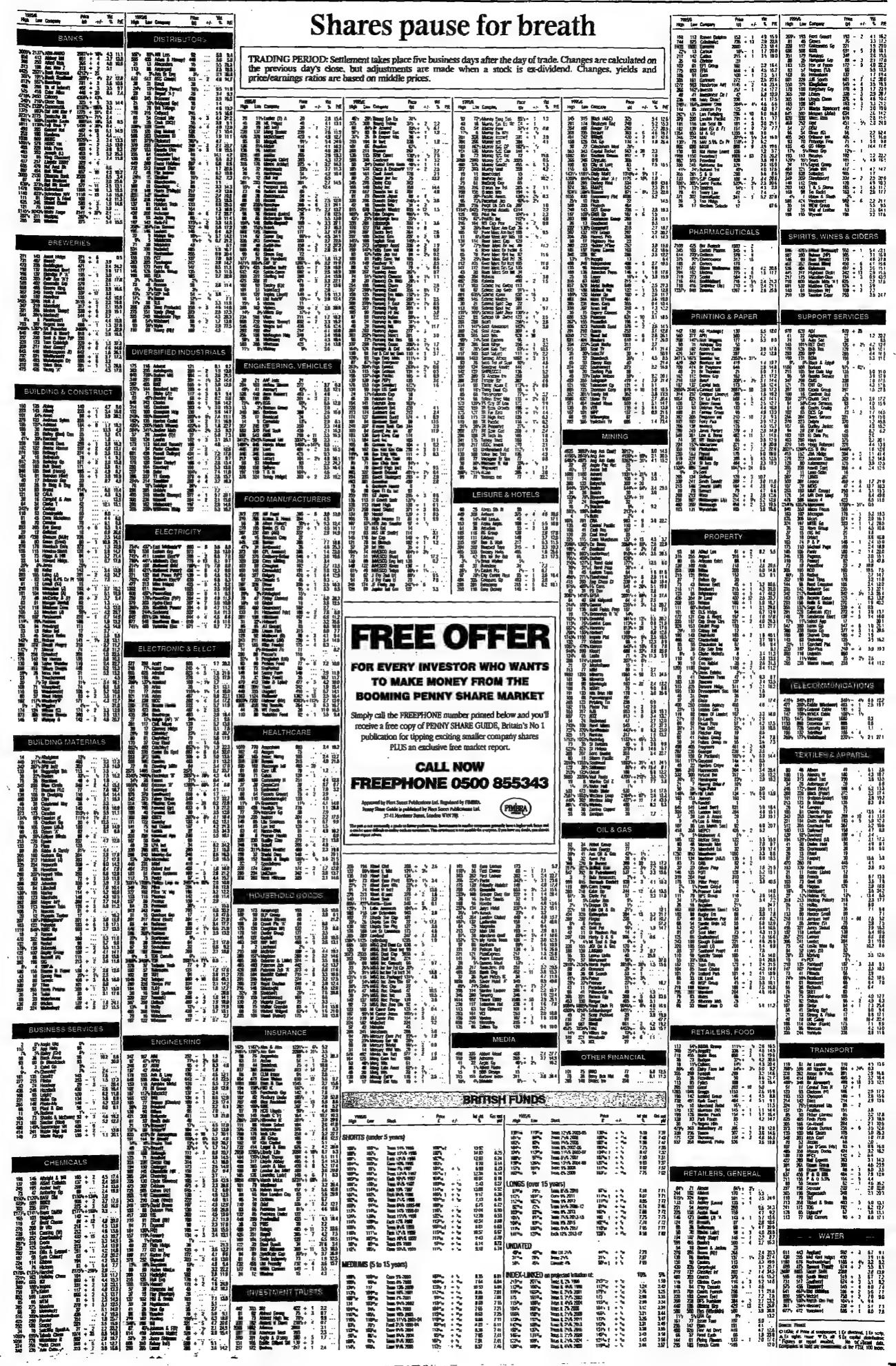
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📑 FILM 1

Showgirls may trade on its sexual content but eroticism is a whole different game



FILM 2

Crash course in Latin: the National Film Theatre presents a season of Mexican cinema





At the Wigmore Hall the Lindsay Quartet are in superb form to launch their Beethoven cycle



■ TOMORROW

George Burns, with quip and cigar ever present, prepares to celebrate his 100th birthday

Carnal or merely banal?

As Hollywood's latest sexploitation film

opens in Britain, Nicola Venning doubts

the appeal of cinematic sex without a story

ex fascinates. Sex sells. That is why it will always be a stock ingredient of movies. especially bad movies, where a gratuitous display of flesh may be used as a diversionary tactic to draw attention away from deficiencies in other departments.

During the past decade, however, many observers believe that celluloid sex has become roo violent, too explicit, too perverse. And a film

released in Britain next week seems to 6 It is the confirm the worst fears of the puritans. Showgirls, directed by Paul Verhoeven. French who combines a dollop of excel at tacky sexual content with true Hollywood cynicism. It is an allportraying singing, all-dancing, ull-nude (more or sexuality 9 less) blockbuster, set in the clubs and casinos of Las Vegas, and concerning the naked ambition (as it

were) of a dancer. its infamy has, of course, preceded it, just as its makers hoped. This week Showgirls was banned by the Irish film censur, who objected to the morality of the film and its explicit scenes. Abbey Films, which is releasing the film in treland, is appealing against the decision. In Britain, the film carries an 18 certificate after minor cuts; elsewhere in Europe it is

being released uncut. With Showgirls, Verhoeven takes a familiar Star is Born formula and crudely subverts it by focusing on the sordid life of a young stripper and "lap-dancer". The film is, then, the perfect excuse to reveal acres of female flesh. But is there anything new here? Nudity is part of the Hollywood commercial tradition. and has been exploited since men first made moving pictures. Sex is the one element that defies poor reviews

nly a few months after

the Lumière brothers

had first enchanted

Parisian audiences, a film theatre was opened in Mexico.

Barely a week later the Mexi-

can President, General Por-

firio Diaz, was being shown

the first cinematic images shot

in his country. From then on

film flourished in Mexico, to

the point where the country is

now the most prolific of all

Latin American film-making

earnest documentaries to lach-

rymose melodramas, from the

nostalgically folkloric to the starkest portrayals of urban poverty. Together these films

reflect not only a vital part of

Mexican cultural history but

also the opulent extrava-

gances, the tender enthusi-

axms and lyrical sensualities

so often seen as typical of the

The two-month Mexican

cinema season which begins

next week at the National Film

Theatre marks the centenary

of film-making in Mexico The

programme concentrates on

the classics from the 1920s to

the 1950s, movies like Fernan-

do de Fuentes's Let's Go With

Pancho Villa! (1935). The first

great epic of Latin cinema

portrays, in its tale of a group

of friends who join the revolu-

tionary forces only to die

Genres varied richly, from

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and is guaranteed to pull in the

ing, it transpired. was a bigger turn-on than an intensely il-licit affair and a scorned woman.

has stumbled badly with this one. First, Showgirls lacks major stars. whereas Basic Instinct featured Douglas and Sharon Stone, who famously uncrossed her knickerless limbs and earned herself a small footnote in cinematic history. But. more importantly, Basic Instinct's explicit sexual content was contained within a pacy thriller. Lose the story among the sex (as Showgirls seems to have done) and everything falls

the old adage: when it comes to erotic made have actually shown precious little flesh: think of the sexual charge when Madeleine Carroll removed her wet stockings while handcuffed to Robert Donat in Hitchcock's The Thirty-Nine Steps.

The centenary

of film south

of the border

is to be marked

by a two-month

NFT festival

Financially this film was a

disaster. It took de Fuentes's

next picture, Over on the Big Ranch (1936), to initiate a burgeoning of Mexican cine-

ma. This brazenly reactionary

portrayal of rural life, where

benevolent ranchers and

chaste heroines dance and

sing their way through a series

of jolly hucolic flestas, is

described as the film which

"launched a thousand singing

cowboy movies".

Doña Barbara (1943).

another de Fuentes classic to

the pull of perverse pleasures. Noth-

violent In fact the only real surprise about Show-

success in America. Despite Verhoeven's history of sex-plonation hits - he is the director who gave us Basic Instinct (1992) — the feeling is that he

Perhaps Showgirls will only prove titillation, less is very definitely more. Some of the sexiest film scenes ever

Kim Basinger's sultry, sinister affair with Mickey "Will you do this for me?" Rourke in Adrian Lyne's Nine 12 Weeks (1985) fuelled a runaway box-office hit despite mediocre write-ups. Michael Douglas's dangerous adultery with Glenn Close in Fatal Attraction (1987) — also directed by Lyne — only confirmed

> girls is that, for all its provocative hype, it has not been a big

of many recent American movies that are erotic in a restrained manner. Perhaps romantic comedies come closest: the fully clothed Meg Ryan faking an orgasm in the restaurant scene in When Harry Met Sally was. for many men, quite a turn-on. On the whole, eroticism is probably done best by the Europeans. although some of their sexiest efforts never leave the arthouse. Peter Greenaway's The Cook, the Thiel, His Wife and Her Lover, for instance, was a sexy film by any standards.

> lust: a potent combination. It is the French, however, who excel at portraying sexuality - erotically.

The sensual Helen Mirren embarks

on an affair with Alan Howard under

the nose of her boorish husband.

Michael Gambon, Suspense, danger,

Salute for Mexican wave

comically, romantically, Classics such as Buñuel's Belle de Jour (1967) Subtlety, though, is not modern Hollywood's forte. It is hard to think with Catherine Deneuve as the demure whoring housewife, or Eric Rohmer's delightful story of sexual politics, Pauline at the Beach (1982) and the more recent Hairdresser's Husband (Patrice Leconte, 1990), a divinely erotic film about a scatty hairdresser's obsession for Arab music and salon sex (usually while cutting someone's hair), are all a part of a uniquely Gallic approach that is

oom disarmingry frank and en

ly compelling. Following this tradition is the recent French arthouse success, Gazon Maudit, which opens here on March I. This small-budget French sex comedy stars the kooky Victoria Abril tof Almadovar's Tie Me Lip, Tie Me Down) in a story that touches on regions of bisexuality unexplored

even by regulars of Brookside. The film was written and directed by the gay comedian Josiane Balasko and has been a huge hit in France. Loli (Abril), disenchanted with her philandering husband, finds herself embarking on an affair with a woman — Balasko's itinerant traveller, Marijo. As she glides from a heterosexual to a homosexual relationship, the comic ramifications multiply. Desire runs through the film like an electric current, but there endlessly entertaining — and with little more revealed that a passing buttock or two. There are surely lessons here for the makers of Showgirls. "Don't show, girls" might be a better motto for those trying to create great celluloid sex.

The naked and the dead duck: Paul Verhoeven's Showgirls has attracted masses of free publicity but has been a conspicuous flop at the American box-office

• Showgirls will be reviewed next Thursday, and is released on Friday

words for its emotional portrait of Frida Kahlo, wife of the painter Diego Rivera and lover of Leon Trousky, while Felipe Cazals's Solitary (1975) an adaptation of José Revueltas's novel about the life of prisoners — is so powerful in its atmospheric evocation of oppression and brutality that the prison in which it was set land in which Revueltas was

closed as a result. Directors like these set the stage for prizewinning con-temporary cineastes who have established Mexican film on the international map. The Mexican cinema season closes with screenings of films such as Maria Novara's Danzon (1991) - a bittersweet musical fable that explores the follies of romantic delusion in a Mexico City telephone operator - and Chronos (1992), a stylishly original vampire movie which has made its director. Guillermo del Toro, one of the most sought-after new names in Hollywood. New films like these pay tribute to the energy and diversity of one of Mexico's most representative cultural treasures.

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RACHEL CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

 The Mexican Cinema Season is at the NFT [017]-928 3535] from Tues to Feb 18. Highlights of the season will subsequently be shown in the British Film Institute's regional film theatres

A scene from Fernando de Fuentes's ground-breaking Let's Go With Pancho Villa!

opments. Three of his works

are to be shown: The Young

and the Damned (1950). El

(1952) and Nazaria (1958), all

craftily subverting previously

established Mexican genres

be screened in the season, introduces the first Mexican screen idol. Maria Felix. "the devourer of men". Other Latin stars rose in her wake - actors like the elastic-limbed comedian Cantinflas, the Aztec answer to Chaplin, or Dolores

Spaniard Luis Buñuel who. settling in Mexico in 1940, really opened up the nation's cinema to international devel-THE Lindsay Quartet has begun its complete Beethoven cycle at the Wigmore Hall and there is not a ticket to be had. Formed in 1967 at the Royal Academy, resident at Keele. Sheffield and now Manchester University, the Lindsays are something of a national

icon. They have already re-

corded and won important awards for their complete

Bartok and Beethoven, so they

know well what they are up against, both in terms of

Emilio Fernandez's weepy

melodrama Abandoned

However, it was the exiled

Women (1944).

musical conquest and audience expectation. The sense of occasion, and of the magnitude of the task ahead, was almost palpably passed from players to audience and back again on Wednesday. As if to calm their nerves and tune their spirits. the Lindsays began with Bee-

thoven's arrangement for

Paul Leduc's Frida (1984) The new cinematic possibilirelies on images rather than Beginners' verve

CONCERT

Lindsay Quartet Wigmore Hall

string quartet of his Piano Sonata Op 14, No 1, one voice leaping to meet another in highly strong delight. Nerves were still raw, though, in the Op 18. Quartet No 1, in F. The opening up-hows were tense. crouched to spring into the first vibrant chords: sinewy octaves and unisons swung headlong and headstrong into the music's development.

As the Adagio made its slow

harmonic progress in a fine

calligraphy of melodic variants, and the Scherzo's syncupations snapped, intenation and rhythm came under considerable stress. In hands other than the Lindsays' this might have given cause for concern: but their own excitability, ballasted as it was by strength of idea and perception, seemed to recreate Beethoven's own sense of striving in a work which he perfected only after the other five quartets of the Op 18 had been

ties which he revealed are

explored next month, when

the festival gets more up-to-

date, screening the works of

the leading Mexican directors of the 1970s and 1980s.

If the Lindsays' passions rather than their poise had characterised the first half of evening, a new balance was found after the interval. It was as if the music itself of the

Op 132 Quartet No 15 in A minor began to harmonise their spirits and earth their energies. From an uneasy beginning, the players began to find their own rhythm as well as that of the music as note values were broken down and melody rose out of fragile

part-writing.
Not for nothing was Beetho ven's slow movement written in der Lydischen Tonart: the great hymn of thanksgiving after his illness is played out in a mode whose own association with restorative solace and joy seemed to permeate the breathing and phrasing of the Lindsays. After a wonderfully learless recitative from Peter Cropper's leading violin, the firmly paced finale had all the momentum of total command.

HILARY FINCH

Building in cyberspace

At architecture's headquarters,

RIBA's new boss is embracing the future, says Marcus Binney

uietly spoken he may be, but Alex Reid, the new director general of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is steadily proving himself the most constructive force for change that RIBA has seen for half a century. Walk into the institute today and you find that the whole ground floor is suddenly open to the public. "We have turned my old office into a competi-tions gallery." Reid says.

His deputy's office has become a students' gallery with a changing monthly show mounted by the students themselves. "We now have seven exhibition galleries where there were just

two," he says.
Outside the main entrance, a billboard invites you into Patisserie Valerie. Some of my colleagues were doubtful that a firstfloor cafe would ever work, but it's now exceeding its revenue target of £1.000 a day," Reid continues. The case and exhibitions are open five days a week from Sam to opm.
The first-floor terrace will

come to life on February 5 when Reid switches on the William Pye water sculpture that captivated last year's Royal Academy summer exhibition. This is a trellis of water jets accompanied by sound and light. An awning will follow shortly, allowing the cale to spill out of doors.

To the horror of the old guard, RIBA is overflowing with people who are not architects. That transformation is partly thanks to Reid's unusual career. He spent five years as a helicop-ter pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. serving in Borneo and doing search and rescue work in the English Channel, before going to study at the Bartlett School of Architecture. Subsequently he worked in long-range stud-ies at British Telecom and then set up as a "doctor" for

computer firms. Reid's achievement is to create the architecture centre everyone wants entirely financed from member subscriptions and sponsorship. This year will see the bookshop trebled in size, an architectural film festival and exhibitions on subjects ranging from children's perception of architecture to the new generation of Japanese architects. The new Thursday evening public lectures are a self-

RIBA's imposing headquarters have more than a touch of the Queen Mary. with sumptuous Deco interiors and a sweeping ball-room staircase. The pleasure lies in exploring the building. Next in line will be the sixth floor where Reid has secured the agreement of Sir Norman Foster and Sir Richard Rogers to fit out two rooms for conferences. We wanted two of our gold medallists to be on permanent show and they have agreed to help us find the sponsors to pay for it.

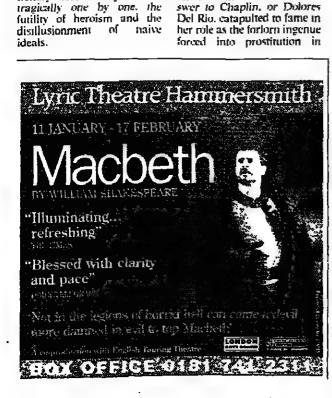
"We have funding from the Crown Estate Commissioners to research what kind of advice clients need. We're helping our 23,000 members with literature for their clients. We provide allcomers with a list of five suitable architects for anything from a loft extension to an opera house."

He accepts that RIBA has failed to make much impact on the design of the vast mass of new houses built today. Too much is driven by being inoffensive. Look at the modern motor car. It's a better product in every way than 20 years ago; better looking, more efficient and more economical. You can't say this of houses. So we have to start a major

e is also keen to champion KIDA > conservation role. "Many of our conservationorientated members use advanced technology. I wrongly imagined that a practice specialising in cathedrals would work with quill pens, but they are using computer photogrammetry to chart every wobbly

What about my children. l ask. They are into building cities on the Apple Mac. Reid replies: "I will rise to the challenge. By January next year we will have Sim City and CD-Rom installed for the public. I would like an arcade arrangement like Las Vegas where people can walk up to screens and interact. This year we are creating an electronic network of architecture. If The Times can go on the Internet, we can put an analogy of our building into cyberspace so everyone can tour it from home."

RIBA is at 66 Portland Place. London WI (0171-580 5533)







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POP 1

Forget Britpop: the big earning power for Brits in America still resides with George Michael



POP 2 With Micheal Ó Súilleabháin at the helm, traditional Irish music is steered

towards the charts





POP 3

. while the rap veteran LL Cool J adds a little romance to his rhymes on Mr Smith



POP 4

Two years on from Cobain's suicide, the myth of 'cool' continues to wreck lives

George Michael is returning, to refresh the parts Britpop didn't quite reach. Alan Jackson reports

Have faith, the cat in the cap is back on song

lease what is not only his first single in more than three years, but also the first since he claimed in a court of law that his situation under contract to his former paymasters Sony Music was akin to slavery. The record, Jesus to a Child, is mellifluous, restrained, carefully crafted, important-sounding, regretful in tone and really rather lovely. That Festival, Courtney Love drew is a lot of adjectives for any one song to bear, which may explain why it stretches to just under seven minutes. Radio programmers must be grateful that the author's enchainment was artistic rather than

physical, or they might now be wrestling to fit a latter-day equivalent of Fidelio into their Meanwhile, it is hardly reckless to predict that it will enter the British charts at No i. And the self-consciously grown-up feel to this debut recording for his new UK label Virgin would seem to confirm 32-year-old Michael's musical direction as the sad-eyed torchbearer of quality pop. Like some masculine mirror image of the Princess of Wales (after all, they shared the same hairstyle throughout the early

1980s), he presents himself in the song as being betrayed by a lover's disappearance — or, possibly, death — yet still stoic and willing to be of public service. Media reaction to the record - released to radio three weeks ahead of sale, it received more than 180 plays during the first 24 hours suggests an enthusiasm to buy into the image. In 1996, he will

be king of our hearts. Which hardly represents a ed phenomenon of Britpop, or the carefully fanned flames of last autumn's Damon Albarn vs the Gailagher brothers feud. Shouldn't our high street heroes be young and dangerous, equipped either with mocking grins and art school degrees (Blur) or Healeyesque eyebrows and Mancunian attitude (Ossis), not relative

and a heavy heart? Possibly they should, but the relative weakness of the teenage mar-ket means that music which is sale, mainstream and of mass appeal is liable to win out over the new, the innovative and the daring. When Albarn and his girlfriend Justine Frischmann invite Hello! readers into their lovely home: Britain may find itself ready to crown him a family favourite. At last summer's Reading

> 6 In 1996, George will be king of our hearts 9

hoots of derision from the crowd with her lofty observa-tion that the whole Britpop thing was not going to prove significant, particularly where American audiences were concerned. She may have been right, though. American college radio stations may love Blur and Oasis; the arch but increasingly youth-aware New Yorker magazine may have included The Great Escape and (What's the Story) Morning Glory? in its list of the 25 best releases of 1995, but neither band has ousted old dependables like Mariah Carey, Garth Brooks and Madonna from the upper regions of the American charts.

Oasis stand the best chance in the long run. Those chunky guitar chords, those echoes of exportable than the geographically precise and more ironic musings of Blur or Pulp. But as the trade paper Music Week reveals in its review of 1995, our big overseas earners are still those acts marching resolutely up the middle of the road - Annie Lennox, Seal, Destree - and Smash Hits staples such as Take That,

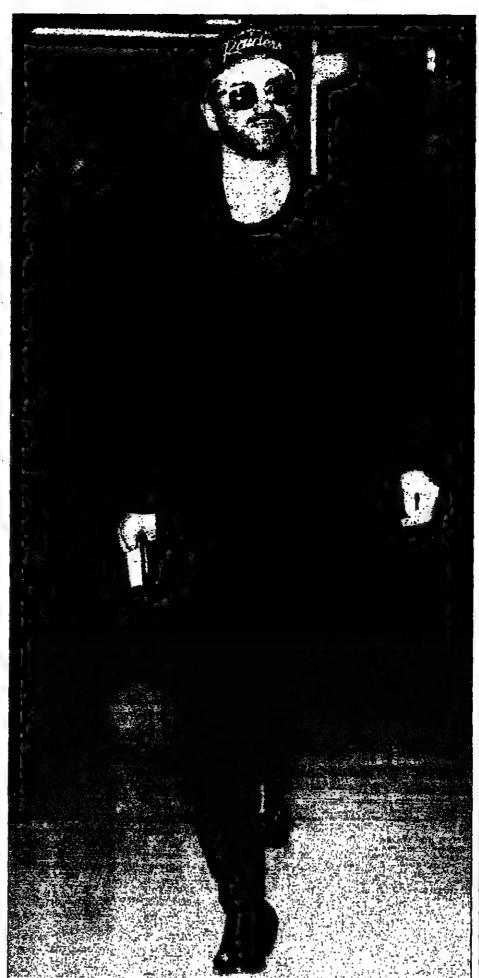
Hot 100 singles listings in Billboard, the American retailer's bible, tells a similar story. After a relative famine for British acts, there are welcome signs of recovery. Butwith Everything But the Girl leading the charge, followed by the likes of Del Amitri and Elton John, it is no time to talk of revolution.

So too with album sales by British artists in America. Yes, a fresh-faced foursome from the North West of England has held steady at No 1 for three weeks now, but it is the Beatles with Anthology I, not some representative of a genuine new wave. And you must dig deep to find the other UK acts: to No 44 for Def Leppard (Vault: Greatest Hits 1980-1995) and to 55 for Seal with his eponymous LP, its sales enhanced by the inclusion of the single Kiss From a Rose on the soundtrack of Batman

Only the appearance of Oasis's (What's the Story) Morning Glory? at 79 - up 15 places after ten weeks of release - cheers, especially with domestic favourites like Queen (Made in Heaven) and Simply Red (Life) languishing at 151 and 170 respectively.

This gloomy picture should be changed emphatically by the release of Michael's comeback set, predicted for late March. But the fact that, where sales are concerned at any rate, he represents the Great White Hope of British, pop in 1996 tells its own story. The cognoscenti may anticipate the return of the Manic Street Preachers, for example, the continued ascension of Radiohead and a growth in success for up-and-coming and Fluffy, but it still takes a familiar name and sound to lure buyers in significant numbers.

Which suggests that, come 2005, the local record industry could be looking, not to Oasis, but to Take That's Gary Barlow, by then doubtless a fabulously wealthy and bestubbled solo star, to save its



George Michael, the LA Raider - and the New York raider, Japan raider, Australia raider . .

Celtic blues from the Emerald Isle

MÍCHEÁL Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN AND **VARIOUS ARTISTS** A River of Sound (Virgin CDU 2776)

THANKS in part to the success of Bill Whelan's Riverdance, 1995 was the year when the international spotlight made one of its periodic swings in the general direction of Irish music

But where Riverdance was a modern, populist adaptation (some would say an aberration) of Irish music, the unrelated A River of Sound (subtitled The Changing Course of Irish Traditional Music) offers a more thoughtful, if surprisingly open ended, exploration of a musical tradition that runs right NEW ALBUMS: The future of Irish music; a rap romantic; tea-room folk

culture of Ireland. Masterminded by the musician, composer and academic Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin, the album was recorded in 1994 as the soundtrack to the threepart televison series of the same name, broadcast last week on BBC2. The object of the exercise, O Suilleabháin told Billboard, the American

through the ancient Celtic

come from and where it possibly is going". The picture that emerges is of a music steeped in its own distinctive heritage yet open to

music-trade magazine, was to

provide "a snapshot of Irish

music: where it is, where it has

fresh influences and still evolving. Merry jigs and reels are played on fiddles and accordions, while slower, haunting airs are traced on

piano and uilleann pipes. However, Ó Súilleabháin has infuriated folk purists in Ireland by his use of orchestral arrangements on several of the numbers and by his preference for young, virtuoso performers such as the fiddler Eileen Ivers, from New York, and the concertina player Niall Vallely.

The album is all the better for embracing such innovations and two of the best pieces are percussionist Mel Mercier's Pulsus, with its Javanese drums, Indian bells and thundering bodhran rhythms which sound almost African in provenance, and The Real Blues Reel, a striking harmonica duet by the New Zealander Brendan Power and Mick Kinsella, which deftly forges some unlikely links between trish music and the blues.

IL COOL J Mr Smith (Def Jam/Island 529 724) CURRENTLY lodged in the American Top Three with his single Hey Lover (released here on Monday), LL Cool J is

that rarest of creatures, a rap

for its rapid and ruthless turnover of acts and fashions, he has maintained a position close to the top of the pecking order since his first hits of ten years ago.

His trick has been to leaven the braggadocio with something slightly more romantic (his 1987 hit I Need Love was the first bona fide rap love song) and Mr Smith is no exception. As well as Hev Lover, which is built on the bones of an old Michael Jackson song (The Lady in my Life), several passionate liaisons are documented in varying degrees of detail, from the comparatively innocuous Loungin to the graphic hump-

ing and heaving of Doin It. These occasional displays of, erm, sensitivity are, however, kept firmly in check, and the tough-guy credentials are vigorously reaffirmed on more hoodlum-orientated material such as Life As . . . and Get Da Drop On Em. "Ain't an MC alive that fought with me," he boasts on I Shot Ya, and while he may be more circumspect than some of his colleagues, LL's mellow period is still some way off.

COMBUSTIBLE EDISON AND ESQUIVEL Four Rooms

(Elektra 7559-61861) THE film Four Rooms, codirected by Quentin Tarantino and with a cast which includes Tim Roth, Jennifer Beals and Madonna. has been universally panned by the critics. But the soundtrack is still a lot

Written and performed for the most part by Combustible Edison, a chic. casy-listening azz combo for the 1990s

label, the album embraces elements of swing, supper club and surf music, all flavoured with a fine sprinkling of cocktail-lounge cheese.

From the exotic, faintly Egyptian-sounding Breakfast at Denny's to the eccentric cha-cha-cha of Eva Seduces Ted, with its Hawaiian guitar and cabaret organ, the album proceeds in short, rapid bursts of instrumental colour, like a sequence of briefly incandes-

MARTIN SIMPSON Smoke & Mirrors (Thunderbird TBE5001;

cent fireworks.

A STUDENT of blues, folk and spiritual music, Martin Simpson has earned a measure of cult acclaim in America, despite making no attempt to conceal the influence of an English upbringing on his singing and acoustic guitar playing.

Without a drummer and opting for the cello playing of Hank Roberts where most comparable acts would hire a harmonica player. Simpson brings an educated ear and a clean, last finger-picking technique to a mixture of his own compositions and standards such as Spoonful and See that My Grave is Kept Clean.

The result is a collection of precise, austere performances which, despite teasing every ounce of melodic potential from these rootsy tunes, tend to sound rather strait-laced somewhat like the way John Hammond or Ry Cooder might have sounded if they had begun their careers playing in the tea rooms of England instead of the coffee shops and bars of New York and Los Angeles.

DAVID SINCLAIR

It's better to fade away than burn out

Somehow, being cool has

become a death trip. This year, let's get it back to what it was

year, is the time for the whole notion of cool to be re-evaluated pretty damn sharpish. This year marks the first anniversary of the disappearance of the Manie Street Preachers' Richie Edwards, and the second anniversary of Kuri Cobain's death; and, with the jolly wave of Britpop pretty much over for the time being, 1996 is going to be a rather reflective, more melancholy year of mope-rock, drum'n bass and trip-hop, rather than the tomfoolery and joyful escapism of Britpop. And, as long as "cool" still consists of suck-

ing on whisky bottles, wearing out the knees of anorexia-thin Levis, stooping over the lids of toilets and forgetting what sleep

and peace and a quiet night in ever looked like, we will be silently observing more disappearances and breakdowns before the year's out. Cool was born

MORAN some time in the early Fifties. as a generation of adolescents recoiled from their parents' war and faith in the State and mute, sheep-like obedience. Cool was a simple matter then: your parents were generally God-fearing folk; quietly racist in their thick, tweedy coats. Generation definition was a simple matter of snaring and wearing a leather jacket, smoking a fag and listening to black rock n'roll with a couple of hard mates; constructing an icy, vaguely menacing exteriwhich criticism bounced, allowing you time

priorities. As the Fifties opened up into the Sixties and an economic boom, cool turned into a consumption race taking the most pills, drinking the most alcohol, spending the greatest number of nights wired and sleepless. The whole Beatles/Stones battle was an "anything you can take, I can take six of battle to see who would lose their minds first.

nationwide shifting of

As the Seventies, and the economic slump, kicked in. cool went back to its roots -Fifties chic was in again, and cool was a simple matter of alienation, outrage and

early Eighties — possibly around the suicide of Joy Davison's lan Curtis - cool turned cold. It became a crippling dicrum of alienation, self-loathing/ self-glo-rification, encompassing a lifestyle of drinking, drug-taking and general misery that rendered any kind of cohesive thought well-nigh impossible. The only way to prove your worth, it seemed, was to self-destruct, to prove you "meant it" by taking

This stricture is apparent in both Cobain's suicide note and Edwards's last interview. These were men who had fallen for the myth of

cool, and dam-aged and demeaned themselves living up to it when, underneath it all, they had their own guidelines and priorities for a genuinely cool lifestyle. Cobsin revealed that he

was ending it all because, on stage. he was not as rampant and joyful as 'Freddie Mercury; and Edwards admined the final straw had been the death of his dog, Snoopy. These were two young men who, at the end of the day, simply wanted to write We Will Rock You and

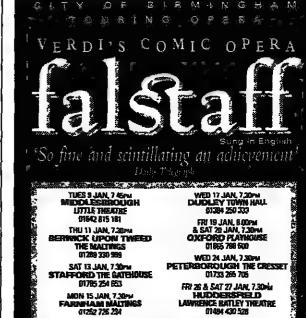
then sit down to watch Emmerdale with their dog on their lap — but, having bought into the confining notion of old school cool, had to deny these urges until the last, death-silent moments. Cool needs to be restructured entirely, by harking

back to when it was a liferaft. rather than a dictum. Cool freedom — to wear, drink and listen to what you wanted, where you wanted. Surely the kind of "freedom" Fifties cool embodied would now be the freedom to live a happy, gentle fourscore years and enjoy the fruits of your genius. This brings up the unfor-

tunate truth that Roger Daltry, trout-farmer extraordinaire, is cooler than Cobain — a shocking realisation for any generation, but one that needs to be absorbed. Because there is no freedom in this restrictive, shiny black-leather coffin that still persists in clinging to its former glories.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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CHOICE 1

The dazzling Cirque du Soleil opens its new London season

VENUE: From tonight

at the Albert Hall



■ CHOICE 2

Philip Pickett's New London Consort presents 14th-century music VENUE: Tonight at the

Purceli Room, London

THE

n the formal ter-races of the York-

shire Sculpture

hover in motionless flight.

Their simplified bronze shells

rest on slender poles that keep

them steady just above head height. Beyond, a series of small female figures appear,

as if walking across the gravel

down onto the lawn below. Welcome to the world of

Magdalena Ahakanowicz a

veteran Polish artist who is enjoying her first major British show since 1975.

Her figures almost seem neglected, thronging the upper terrace yet leaving it strangely unpopulated. The simplified but life-size casts of girls and men look solid when ap-

proached from the front, but as soon as you venture behind

them and weave in and out of

the crowd, the figures turn out to be mere moulds, hollow behind, made from burlap and scrim materials, and cast

This combination of solidity

and emptiness can also be seen in the series of hunched

backs that were included in last year's touring exhibition.

After Auschwitz, and which

now sit on the lower lawn of

of them are on display here)

look like replicas of a single

back, but each clay surface

was marked with a unique

pattern of deep ripples and

scarifications, before being

cast in bronze. The backs are

hunched, protecting the torso,

yet, when you look inside, the

torso has been effectively

gouged out. leaving only the

thin curved back and the

Abakanowicz's 80 Backs (30

in bronze.



■ CHOICE 3

English National Opera stages Bizet's The Pearl Fishers

VENUE: From tomorrow

at the London Coliseum

VISUAL ART: Veteran Polish sculptor in Yorkshire; the Tate gets provincialism back to front

Frozen depths and hollows



VISUAL ART

Unease in the trees: Magdalena Abakanowicz's work is shown at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

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The strange and sad thing is that Home and Away does not actually attempt to tell this story in any very coherent way. It is not only that there are notable absences (there are plenty of pieces influenced by African art, but there seem to be no black artists in the show) but that the ideas associated with them have gone missing, too. The problem seems to be that the

leaving the viewer feeling disthe top, where a few stunted tinctly uneasy, jarred by the branches push out into the

Magdalena Abakanowicz

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

beauty of each work, yet aware of the vulnerability that lies just beneath each surface. The six Hand-like trees on display in the park attest to this. They rise from the

surrounding space. Yet each apparently solid tree is a mere shell, cut from top to base to reveal a gaping internal void. Ahakanowicz talks freely about her childhood and early life in wartime Poland, yet she refuses to pin specific events of

a strong sense of human frailty and the uncertainty of life, while the experience of seeing her mother having her arm blown off by a soldier in Warsaw is surely evident in her treatment of physiognomy. These tree-trunks resemble thick-set forearms and wrists, topped with stumpy fingers trying to grasp the air. The fact that they are hollow makes each hand-tree seem dead and lifeless. However,

early life must have given her

Standing Figures. a recent (1994) piece by a sculptor whose work can leave the viewer "feeling distinctly uneasy"

zontal clay strips before casting, which gives it the strength of an insect's natural armour The suggestion is that the trunk, or arm, may be hollow, but it is still self-supporting and strong, thrusting its roots deep into the frozen soil, still very much alive.

was layered inside with hori-

CHARLOTTE MULLINS Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Bretton Hall, Wakefield (V1924 830579), until March 10

sharp points of metal left by ground, all 12ft or more, foundry casting. All Abakanowicz's sculpstrong and sturdy, the thick films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) her life on to her work. But her trunks retaining their shape to tures function in this way -◆ GOLDENEYE (12) Phyros Bros

The latest display of works from the collection at the Tate Liverpool, Home and Away, presents itself as a riposte to the critical assumption that British art is parochial and insular. The attempt is long overdue, though it should never really have been necessary. Over the years, our galleries have been dominated by artists with names such as Gaudier-Brzeska, Epstein, Gertler, Gabo, Kokoschka, Freud, Kossof, Auerbach. Bomberg, Houshiary and Kapoor, It would be quite possible to write a broad history of British art in terms of a wave of influences, almost without

mentioning a conventional Anglo-Saxon surname.

Only priming the parish pump rive from an Ameridisplay does not

Home and Away Tate Liverpool an isolated backwater, and they tend to

can gay magazine. Hockney, like Blake, has really only exchanged one form of provincialism (English working class) for another (American popular).

Perhaps the best metaphor for the whole sad conceptual mess is provided by Damien Hirst's installation of a slightly tacky display case holding row upon row of beautiful (and undeniably exotic) sea-shells. They do look wonder ful, but his point is that they also look dead. The act of bringing them home for our admiration has entailed removing them from their natural environment, stripping those exotic structures of the functions they were evolved to

the organisers seem to want to do to the very works they have selected.

For example, the exhibition notes to the first picture in the show. Dod Procter's Morning, explain: "In 1920 Procter worked and travelled with her husband in Asia. The faintly exotic quality of Morning may recall her experiences of Indian art and culture." "Faintly" is the giveaway: nervousness about provincialism forces us to celebrate the "faint" (actually largely imaginary) exoticism of a painting when we should be enjoying the fact that its Britishness is so robust.

In other words, Morning represents a compromise, an evolution - and critics are generally suspicious of anything other than outright revolution. But then, the British have never gone in for cataclysmic change, in art or politics: new ideas, like new citizens, have not displaced the old; they have simply modified and enriched them.

CHARLES HALL Home and Away is at the Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (0151-709 3223)

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertaloment compiled by Kris Anderson

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CINEMA GUIDE

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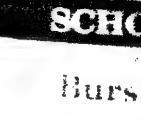
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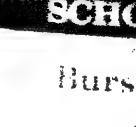
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Parents must face the music

Michael Barber says parents should

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he idea of a Learning Society, a society in which every citizen is an active learner throughout life, is rapidly gaining currency. It has been an ideal for years. Now it is perceived as a matter of economic survival.

This explains why com-panies such as BT and Thorn EMI are signing up to support Sir Christopher Ball's important Campaign for Learning.
These awareness-raising ac-

tivities will need to be followed up with changes in policy if Britain is serious about getting ahead of its international competitors.

The policy of the present is school improvement. Last summer Gillian Shephard launched her Improving Schools initiative. In December, Tony Blair and David Blunkett published their education programme, Excellence for Everyone, which offers the prospect of a comprehensive national strategy for the promotion of school improvement. Both the Government and the Opposition have also spelt out the corollary of this new trust in schools — that where schools fall there will be intervention in the interests of

This drive for school improvement is an essential phase in the creation of an

education service fit for the 21st century. Whether on its own it will be sufficient is much less clear. Vigorous and constructive though it is likely to be, its limitations need to be acknowledged, too. One is that even in improving schools there are individual pupils who slip through the net of educational success.

Furthermore, the focus on school improvement casts the parent in the role of innocent bystander. Although some schools make tremendous efforts to involve parents, the emphasis of policy has been on parental rights rather than

Yet the research evidence consistently confirms common sense. The role of parents as co-educators of their children is fundamental, both in supporting the school and in providing additional learning opportunities elsewhere, such as museum visits or participation in educational activities outside school. But, above all, supportive parents give precious time to the encouragement of learning at home. All this undoubtedly helps

young people to achieve more. but it leaves a huge policy question wide open. If we truly vant a Learning Society, we have to do something about children whose parents lack either the necessary will or the



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means to support their education in this way.

Educators have attempted various strategies to encourage parents to become more involved in the education of their children. Schools have worked hard with mixed success at attracting parents to parents' evenings. Some have tried voluntary home-school contracts. These have been beneficial but have not done enough to bring home to parents just how important their responsibilities are. The overwhelming emphasis on rights for parents, while broadly positive, has, by implication, diminished the im-

portance of meeting their responsibilities, If we are serious about the creation of a Learning Society, this will have to change. Parents should be given a statutory duty, not only to see that their child attends school, as at present, but also to attend meetings with their child's teacher at least once every six in disadvantaged areas. This

months. At the meeting the

parent and teacher should set

targets for that child's learning

over the next six months and

decide the scope of their responsibilities. This would have a number of advantages. Parents would be clear about how they could contribute. They would also be clear about what they could expect from the school. Meanwhile, schools would benefit from the support they deserve but often do not get at present. Above all, it would reduce the chances of any individual child slipping through the net. To make this work a means would need to be found of making available resources to support learning out of school

could be done in two ways. First, after-school study support centres, where young people could do their homework and have access to information technology and to supportive adults, should be established in every disadvantaged location in the country. There is plenty of experience to build on, much of it supported by the Prince's Trust. It works. and the cost of providing a national network of centres would be less than 0.5 per cent

of current national expenditure on schools.

Secondly, the possibility of providing vouchers to parents on low incomes for the purchase of educational resources for the home should be considered. It would be a condition of the voucher that it could be spent only on resources agreed at the statutory meetings be-

tween parent and teacher.
This sounds expensive, but vouchers worth £200 per year for the parents of the poorest four million children could be paid for, with change to spare, by taxing child benefit. The vouchers could be spent on time at a study support centre or, for example, on providing software or books.

It would be a clear policy signal that in a Learning Society the opportunity to learn is as basic and important as food, warmth and shelter.

o doubt objections other than cost will be raised. The issue meetings will certainly arise and should be faced. The fact that attendance was a statutory duty would encourage parents and schools to give it priority. This alone would ensure that many more parents than at present would

Where a parent did not attend, the main concern would be for the child. A mentor from the community could be appointed for all children whose parents regularly failed to attend. Of course, there will always be handfuls of completely irresponsible or even destructive parents. This proposal would help to draw attention to the plight of their children as a first step to doing something to help them.

Everyone agrees that the creation of a Learning Society is essential. It will not be easy. Schools, however much they continue to improve, cannot do it alone. Only if government and parents, as well as schools, take their responsibilities seriously can we make it

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Do as I say, but not as I do?

Susan Elkin on the need for

teachers to set an example

Before Christmas, I visited a split-site school in which the two buildings lie, less than conveniently, on opposite sides of a busy main road. Of course, there is a footbridge and strict rules about pupil use of it. So how on earth can the teachers in that school justify their own dangerous weaving and dashing across the road through the traffic?

I was there less than two hours and saw several in-stances of this "do as I say, but not as I do" behaviour, The divisive and automatic assumption that it's fine to have two sets of rules in a school is so ingrained in many teachers that they never stop to think it might have something to do with problematic pupil behaviour in the classroom,

Elsewhere I have seen one-way traffic rules on staircases strictly enforced for everyone except staff. I taught in one school where senior staff were extremely tough about girl students wearing boots in the winter - and equally firm about bare legs in the summer. Both rules were ignored by the female teachers. Then there are the teach-

ers who shout — often abusively - at their pupils. They are usually among the first to complain about vociferous pupil aggression. And it is often the same people who expect pupils to run errands for them who do not bother to say please and thank you. Surly behaviour is catching and it's no good these people complaining that pupil courtesy

is a thing of the past. Not having to follow the same rules is a symbolic demonstration of staff supe-

riority. Pupils are merely

underlings We live today, however, in a very egalitarian climate, which schools reflect. Children are taught that their human rights transcend age, class and race — and rightly so. But for those teachers who pay mere lip-service to equality. pupil rebellion will ensue.

Teachers who have the fewest incidents of unacceptable behaviour among the pupils they teach are those who role-model a high standard of commitment, concern, conformity and courtesy.

The mixed message emit ted by a teacher who bellows "How dare you raise your voice at me?" at some hapless miscreant, or by one who fights through the scrum on the stairs but sends back a child doing the same thing, is dangerous.

s far as possible

A schools should have agreed rules which everyone abides by. The agreement part is vital, too. these things together the consensus is almost always, in my experience, a commendable commonsense solution. If, for example, a community decides - for reasons of safety and to prevent mess and litter -that no drinks should be carried round the building but that consumption should be confined to designated places, then that

should apply to staff. If teachers and pupils are to work successfully together there needs to be a high level of mutual respect. To give pupils less than a strong positive example prevents that mutual respect developing and can only perpetuate discipline diffi-

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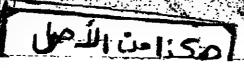
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nooker is not a game with which I have had a meaningful relationship. I own neither a waistcoat nor a snooker stick and though, over the years, I have played a number of games -and got a blue at Oxford, sadly missed the ensuing pink - 1 have yet to put together a

When I received this letter asking me to play in a pro-am charity game in Birmingham and read the sentence: "Don't worry if your snooker skills are a little rusty", I accepted. I chose Stephen Hendry as my



cause and the sponsor the charitably-minded Liverpool Victoria - a company that set out in 1843 with the object of affording the poorer classes of society with a means to provide a decent interment at the trifling expense of a halfpenny a week (more if you were older). Last year, the company was "repositioned" as Liverpool Victoria The Friendly Society with assets in excess of

those of Stephen Hendry. The International Conference Centre, Birmingham. where we performed, is a many helpful folk bearing badges inscribed Event Management, guiding guests to the hospitality-room, where comfortable waitresses trod the carpets thrusting skewers of bacon-wrapped sausage and chicken tikka at the throng. In the corner opposite the bar was the snooker table, where those whose skills were dulled by brilliance at other pastimes could practise: Mr Gary Mason, a lovial heavyweight boxer; Mr Nicholas Parsons, a



Hendry, potting for a worthy cause, is watched by his partner, borrowed cue at the ready. Photograph: Marc Aspland

and the ams and they spun a pois and Dr Hilary Jones, a medical communicator, joined me in a game which differed from that showing on the relevision monitor in that the number of bails on our table remained constant. Probably wheel to give the quotient by which to multiply the points: got £90, so MIND benefited luck: mine is out. At the South China Golf Club last month I lost two balls in the ball-wash and on Christmas Day the pudding was stamped "best

before December 24". At the end of each firstround match in the £300,000 Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge it is amateur time. An engaging woman who later in the evening asked whether I had really not known that it was she who presented the weather on GMTV, introduced the pros

wheel to determine the length of the game of Potting for Pounds: Willie Thorne and Nicholas Parsons had two and a quarter minutes: taking alternate shots, they had a score of 23 and spun another

was due to partner the world champion after his tie with John Higgins; the prosperity of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, tee-off at 9pm.

As snooker is an unpredictable game, the Hendry-Higgins match lasted three hours so it was at 11.15pm that I

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lowed by a lukewarm round of applause punctuated by the sounds of many spectators

snooker as played with friends and the professional game is Pros have their own, carry it around in embossed leather cases. I came as I was and

trying to leave.
The difference between

when the referee made "hey're off" noises I announced cuelessness, then realising form of defence. I ordered the man with the white gloves to clean the balls - all of them. My cue arrived. I cancelled my

Bad golfers, when faced with significant putts, get the yips. I am pleased to say that and the lights and the cameras, my hands on the borrowed snooker but remained

It was my luck that was out and while it had been my intention to hit quick, short, slow shots to enable the world champion to pocket the colours and take the glory, that game-plan misfired. In the short time at our disposal it was I who found the pocket ... twice, sank the white cue ball

A temporary setback for the amateurs but it should be remembered that it was our lot who built the Ark: professionals built the Titanic.

I shall hang up my waistcoat but will try to get up early and watch GMTV's weather

SPORTS LETTERS

Batsmen lacking in skills

From Mr Bruce Cowles

Sir, To cricket lovers the game has many unique qualities, but yet another is emerging.

There can surely be no other game in which those who represent this country in international contests display such a lack of the basic requirements of their craft. I refer to

In a Test match, with all the time in the world to build an innings, and facing the world's best bowling, the prime requirement must be survival. Yet, we see one batsman after another succumbing to catches, mostly to the wicketkeeper or slips with shots that from a defensive point of view need never have been played and from a runscoring point of view (to which one can add some hook shots) are to say the least highly ill-

If one were to film the efforts of our first six Test hastsmen throughout a match it would that in 30 per cent of their shots the feet are in the wrong position. In a few classic instances, they have not moved an inch from the commencement of the bowler's run-up. Brian Lara's footwork is to them as Nurevev is to Harry Champion. Ally to this a general inability to play down the line of the ball and

Those of us old enough to remember the disaster at Ibrox Stadium on January 2, 1971, are able to experience again the shock and horror which shook the nation as well

as Glasgow. McCarra might have mentioned the memorial mass in St Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral in the city, which

Why is this? The one-day game no doubt contributes much and possibly the MCC plan of producing coaches en masse some three decades ago had some effect.

and Raymond Illingworth -make reference at times, but

The depressing thing is that the younger players who are emerging in the early batting order display the same failings. Our Test batsmen provide examples for today's youngsters. Where are our The ability of batsmanship,

Yours faithfully. New Barn Lane. Ockley,

Glasgow rift

From Mr Terence Wynn

Sir, I agree with much of the article written by Kevin McCarra ("Legacy of Ibrox lost amid intolerance of divided loyalties". January 1) concerning the sectarian rift which continues to divide the supporters of Rangers and Celtic in Glasgow. However, I note that he did not advance any solutions himself, presumably because there is no

was attended by the Rangers team and the directors when the malaise is there for all to have role

Our mature commentators - the likes of Fred Trueman, Geoff Boycott, Trevor Bailey rarely say with force what must surely be in their minds. It is not fair for the last mentioned to assume respon-sibility for England's displays when he just does not have the

to counter anything that a bowler can produce on any pitch, is a wonderful art, but performers are a very endan-gered species indeed, if not already extinct.

BRUCE COWLES, The Coach House.

Archbishop Scanion publicly embraced the Rangers chair-

man as a sign of reconciliation and sympathy.
Efforts to unite the support-

ers, however, are likely to be no more successful than the pitiful attempt to pay respect to the young Celtic supporter killed when he passed a Rang-The untying of the scarves

bearing the colours of both clubs, which had been left as a memorial, and the dumping of the flowers in a waste bin said more than any words can

Yours sincerely.
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Clubs must

From Mr Noël K. Armstead

Sir, The Rugby Football Union (RFU) Commission report, "Open rugby — the right to decide", has yet to be approved. The RFU is under pressure from the counties association to defer final decisions for a further 12 months. If this suggestion is adopted, the game will be truly split and far from "seamless", which is the RFU's declared aim. The first and second division clubs will declare independence as there are sponsors waiting in the wings.
If the RFU is to remain truly

the governing body of the whole game, then the administration needs to be further revised, reflecting the playing strengths of the game. The staffed with representatives from the league structure throughout, for this is now where the game is played. The first and second division clubs have already made this clear by resigning from the Nat-ional Clubs Association, ional Clubs Association, which they believe does not

represent them property.
Such a radical proposal will not be welcomed by the RFU at this stage, as it is walking a tightrope in an effort to try to keep everybody moderately happy. Compromise is the most ineffective solution when there are entrepreneurs outside the ring, ready to pay the piper and call the tune.

The RFU must be brave, acknowledge the new order and drag the administration. albeit screaming, into the 21st

Tell the counties that they still have a very important function to fulfil by administrating rugby at all levels up to the age of 20, organising coaching and selection and, most of all, liaising with schools and colleges to ensure many youngsters as possible. The Government has a declared policy to encourage the development of sport in schools through connections would be able to administer this effectively. Yours faithfully,

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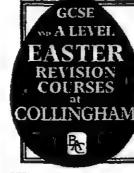
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Ratings flawed by inconsistencies

because of the way racing has

Gibbs explained: "So many

of the best horses are in the

same ownership or yards. We

have also seen the dispersal of

America and Australia which

would have otherwise run in

this country. Last year, for example, 25 of the top 40 turf horses in the United States

"It is critical you have

enough top four-year-olds for the three-year-olds to be mea-

sured against and that is what has been lacking."
Horses can only be rated

according to what they have

beaten and Gibbs's reasoning

helps to explain why Lamm-

larra was given a rating of only 130 — the same as Zafonic

and Balanchine, in 1993 and

1994 respectively.
Although Gibbs and his colleagues vehemently deny it,

I believe the influence of North

American handicappers, who

tend not to rate their horses so

highly, has contributed to the

lower assessment of three-

With American horses included in the full classifica-

tion list for the first time this

year - Thunder Gulch and

Serena's Song are top rated on 126 — it is difficult for Euro-

pean horses to be rated signifi-

cantly higher. To underline

the point, the mighty Cigar, the unbeaten Breeders' Cup

Classic winner, was given a

vear-olds.

were ex-European

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year handicappers, they were pre-

A WIDE-RANGING review of how the best horses in Europe and North America are assessed at the end of each season is to be carried out this year after controversy surrounded the publication yesterday of the international Classifications for the 1995 Flat season.

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Lammtarra was rated the joint-lowest winner of the Derby since the classifications began 19 years ago and, to add insult to injury, the unbeaten winner of the Derby, the King George VI and Queen Eliza-beth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was also deemed to be the jointlowest top-rated three-year-old since records began.

However, the biggest disagreement was provoked by the rating attributed to Bahri, the John Dunlop-trained winner of the St James's Palace Stakes, and more significantly, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot.

Although his six-length success, on softish going, in the mile event was widely attributed to the prowess of Willie Carson. who successfully found faster ground around the outside of the course, the panel of handicappers raised Bahri from a previous best rating of 125 to 129.

The final rating, based on a race which few professionals believed was a trustworthy guide, meant Bahri ended up as champion miler — well ahead of Pennekamp (125) and Celtic Swing (124), who beat him in the 2,000 Guineas, and Ridgewood Pearl (126), who won group one mile races in four different countries. To underline the inconsis-

tent approach adopted by the

pared to elevate Bahri on the basis of one dubious piece of form and yet applied contrasting criteria when dealing with Lake Coniston. He achieved a rating of 130 for his outstanding July Cup win, but was subsequently relegated to 127 after failing to repeat the form.
Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior

British Horseracing Board handicapper who is taking over as chairman of the International Classification Committee, is well aware of the problems and is preparing a paper outlining proposed changes which will be submit-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DENVER BAY (3.20 Towcester) Next best: Beauchamp Grace (2.20) Towcester)

ted to the European Pattern Committee.

There are guidelines in existence now which have not been published, but a lot of them are contradictory and that is part of the problem. The guidelines clearly state a horse should be judged on his overall performance but, in the case of a one-off performance, if he doesn't disprove it afterwards it must be accepted. Where does that leave us?" Gibbs asked. "We want to iron out the perceived inconsisten-

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rating of only 132. If my contention is wrong. cies in our work." The latest international clasthen the very best three-yearsifications confirm that comolds and upwards on both parisons between different sides of the Atlantic have been generations, certainly outside the last five or, possibly, ten a sub-standard bunch for each of the last three years. years, are now meaningless

interestingly. American horses are not included in the two-year-old classifications, which confirm the 1995 crop to have been above average with the unbeaten Alhaamh leading the way on 126, while Blue Duster (119) was the top filly -51h ahead of Bosra Sham, the ante-post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas.

Gibbs said: "Everything asked of Alhaarth has been answered most comprehensively.



Alhaarth, unbeaten after five outings, heads the two-year-old classification

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Master Oats well backed

LADBROKES yesterday re- trained-favourite, One Man. ported strong support for the who will be ridden by Rich-Kim Bailey-trained Master and Dunwoody, has eased Oats, last season's Chelten- from 2-i to 9-4. ham Gold Cup winner, for the King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Sandown tomorrow, 5-1), 10-1 Val D'Alene, Algan, and have cut his odds to 4-i. 16-1 Coulton, 20-1 Brief Gale, from 11-2.

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6 05- KOMANAUTE 29 5 Boxong 2-10-5 Mrs M Mooris (4) 13
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8 048- CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF 8 166- CICERONE 46 (B.CD.F.S.S. J.L. Harris 6-9-13 Miss P Melson 6 9 400- SUNIMER WILLA 34 (CC) 6) 7 Hoston 4-9-11

1.30 LEICESTERSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES

| Mith. SMART GUEST USZ (D.G.S) J A Hams 4-9-7. . . . J Nicaret 7
| 121- SPENCER'S REVENUE 21 (D.D.F.S) M Byon 7-9-1 G Bardwell 3
| 305- SHUTTLECOOK 167 (D.D.F.S) Ms N Marayler 5-6-11
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8 100- Luac Raffs 30 (fb) J Anniel 47-12 C Ruiter 4

8 450- SPEANORRA SA (V.C.5) thir. N Messador 8-10
9 003- TECKA TICKA THING 60 (C.5) B Murray 8-9 Maria Dayor (7) 2
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12 000- DEJEK'S BO 64 N Byzadi 7-12 ... S Makeney 3
13 040- FORTUTTOUS 108 J Jestes 7-11 ... Date (Stepon 13) 7-2 Seeing Destry 4-1 Theater Mage, 5-1 The Blad, Ebbny Boy, 6-1 others RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Bailey Tote \$8.40 \$2.60, \$2.70, \$1.80 DF \$47.40 Toto \$200.30 CSF \$149.49

Nottingham

Golby: good to solt 12.20 Gam | 10)d chi 1, lifing Luciler IA, Magure, 4-6 Kar, Thunderer's nipt) 2, Ocean Leader (8-1), 3, Sulhmays (33-1), 12 na. NR Jersesh 7, 21 D Nerolstan Tote 6140, 01.40, 01.90, 54.20 OF 55.90 Tro 535.00 CSF, 67.00 \$35 00. CSF, \$7.00
12.50 Gsm :10 yd hdje; 1. Dominio (f. J.)
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The Minder (10.1), 4. Thy New Door (12.1)
19 san, 51, 44. h. Balley Tota E.5 10: 52.40,
53.10, \$2.200, \$2.30 OF \$22.00 This
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130 CSF, \$10.00 tests, \$1.00 The Bartestine 1.20 (Sm 10) of trole) 1. Taire The Buckskin (GMcCoun, 10-1) 2. Ballyes Boy (11-2) 3. Butters Boy (12-1): 20 gm NR Secret Bd. 7. sh hd. 1 Thomson Jones Tole £15.60, £5.70. £2.10. £3.60. DF £18.00. Tho £115.00. CSF £56.84.

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2.50 (2m hole) 1. No Light (L. Harvey, 12-1) 2.50 (2m hole) 1. No Light (L. Harvey, 12-1) 2. General Tonic (8-1), 3. Hishacha (4-1 fac) 4. Tm A Dreamer (10-1), 19 ram NR Aydar, Ruer Island, Westhely 11, 14 fac) (3-65). Tore 208 0 55.70, 200, 11-60, 13-50 DF 270.40 The 283.50 CSF \$107.83 Tilicast 500 97.

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350 2m but) 1 Mighey Moss (Mr F Hutsb);
94 tam, 2, Stratagamide (8-1, 3, Mid Dey Crusser (7-1) 24 ram NFI Dawn Investor, 11, 101 0 Nicholson Tore £420, £190, £230, £440 DF £18.90 Timo £105.70 CSF £27.51 Jacopot: not won (pool of \$2,354.94 carried forward to Yowcester today).
Plecepot: \$686.50. Quadpot: \$46.10

Sedgefield

Going: good to lim

12.40 (2m St 110vd hole) 1. High Penhouse
(D Byrne, 8-1), 2. Tugre (5-4 lan), 3. Nov
Nock (9-2) 6 ran NB Dersy Ders, Rescally,
10, 5-1, J Quirni Tote 59-40, 23-70, 51-20,
21-10 DF 511-70 Time 55-60 CSF, C1851 1.10 (2m ii 110)g holle 1, Stately Home (4 Johnson, 10-1); 2, Emerald Venture (11-2), 3 Thomas Rand (16-1); Komberey 500; 7-4 Jay 14 can NR Drumdonna 130; rik, P Breen, Tote 12-30 12-30 12-20, 22-50 DF: 52-8 8) The red won, CSF 572-29 Treast 5852-50 No red

200230 NO PID 1.40 (2m 11 chu 1, Lochmagmin (P. Niven, 30-100 km, 2. Permer Frai 33-11, 3. Chare (6-1) 7 cm NOT Montraie 31, 341 Mrs. M. Raweley Tota. £1 30, £1 10, £4 80 DF 524 80 CSF \$12 83 2.0 (2m Si ch) 1. Dark Calk (L.O'Hera, 4-1). 2. Cross Carmon (15-2), 3, West You There (11-2) Houghton 2-1 lay, 6 rain MR Son Ol-his 1/1 201. J Curts Toler: 5/40°; 52:00. 21:40 DF £18:80, CSF £29:22

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13. If J Hefferton Tote 55.40 £1.30.

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3.40 [2m 51 110yd Indiel 1, Custimost Idd IP Niver. 6-4 Iavi, c. Rye Crossing (5-1), 3. Shannon Gen (14-1), 9 ian 149 Topothenorthizong, Niv. 3-1 Mrs. M Reveley Tote 52:80 En 60 51:50 En 40 DF 67:50 Ten 683:00 CSF E10:31 Tricast CT8 65 Placepot: £115,10 Questpot: £44.00.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard
1.00 jpm 48) 1 Erlang (C Ruffer, 10-1) 2.
News So Ree 48-1, 3. Tornal (7-1) Char Catalan 4-1 lav 13 ren. 2, 8.5 Meilor Tote 63-90, 17-10, 62-30, 63-00, 67-00, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60-60, 60

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Long handicap Hillman Blue 9-13 BETTING: 2-1 Wild Mose Of York, 7-2 Finandry knight 5-1 Fly To The End Tolkenesianalise 6-1 Hillionen Block, 3-1 Frei Mry Handy Mose

THE WOLLDWINE SPENDING MEETING FORM FOCUS

WALD ROSE OF YORK 7%1 46 of 7 to Buckey
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1.40 KENTON NOVICES CHASE (\$3,246: 3m) (13 runners)

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MALAMA beat La Forsanbassu 20% in 4-namer indrice chade at Wetherby (3m 110yd good) with TWO FOR ONE also beater on 15% (as EARSDR CTY 14%) and of this to be beream in hower chase trees course and distance (good). CHARTLE RECHARDS 23%—3 and of 15 to Messes Orthebette an modern chase at Humingston (3m, people to soft) or densitivate start with FINAL BEAT 177 6h. FINAL BEAT meth. 20m of 11 to Androic Galle in inforce chases at Catheriol. (3m 1/110yd. good to farm)

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2.10 HORTHERN ELECTRIC CHARITY CHALLENGE SERIES (Novices hurdle: £2,594; 2m) (18 runners)

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SETTING. 3-1 Tom Brade, 9-2 Bathemoch, 6-1 General Muck, 7-1 Morrenam, 12-1 Highlendman Styrel Dencie, 14-1 Highlendm 16-1 Ulive; FORM FOCUS

to Northe Prince in a Nit list race at Heatern (Cm. | Scientim, TOM SPICOE Insert

2.40 HAZELRIGO HANDICAP CHASE (£4,039: 3m) (12 runners)

| 118-943 | STROMG DEEL 20 (CD.F.E.S) | U. Stephenson) W. Read 8-17-11 ... | T. Read 05 | 118-295 | RVELDEN BUILDS 32 (D.S.F.E.S) (Max. Reseal) Mars | L. Read 9-17-9 | A. Thomason 12 | 3 | 218-205 | RVELDEN BUILDS 32 (D.S.F.E.S) (Max. Reseal) Mars | L. Read 9-17-9 | A. Thomason 12 | 3 | 23-48-23 | VELDEN | 120 (D.S.F.E.S) (D. Tauron 13 | Secretary 9-17-9 | A. Dottom 75 | 2-48-23 | VELDEN | 120 (D.S.F.E.S) (D. Tauron 13 | Secretary 9-17-9 | A. Dottom 75 | 2-17-17-9 | Max. Read 14 (D.F.E.S) (D. Tauron 13 | Secretary 10-10-11 | R. Supple 95 | 132-23 | DEED 06DSSIDN A1 (D.F.E.S) (D. Combridon) May | Secretary 10-10-11 | R. Supple 97 | 13-430 | DOLDOLSKAM 48 (F.S.) (D. Combridon) May | Secretary 9-10-11 | R. Supple 98 | 118-340 | DOLDOLSKAM 48 (F.S.) (Secretary) May | Secretary 9-10-11 | R. Supple 98 | 118-340 | DOLDOLSKAM 48 (F.S.) (Secretary) May | Secretary 9-10-11 | R. Supple 98 | 118-340 | DOLDOLSKAM 56 (S.S.) (Max. S.S. Bermally 14-5 | Secretary 14-10-11 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-4 MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 97 | D. Supple 97 | D. Supple 97 | D. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supple 98 | PSP-96-5 | MICONOLLISMS 15 (Secretary 14-10-15 | R. Supp

Long handkap Jandse 9-7 Gatharing Time 9-6 BETTING: 3-1 Strong Deal, 7-2 Presiegh Builds 5-1 Osep Doctorus, 7-1 Valeda S, 10-1 Mallingia, Inconclusivo

STRONG DEEL 8'41 3rd of 12 to Masses Bosson in hardings chase at Haydook (2m 4f, good) FWE-LEIGH BUILDS 31 2nd of 18 to High Padre in handlings chase at Catlanck (3m f) good to firm DEEP DECSION (10) before off) 41 3nd and SMOOK POINT (16) before off) 50 1 1th VELLEIA II need, and 3'4-1 3rd of 7 to Mart Red in Universe handlings chase at 13m 21 good to firm), with STRONG that is an indicated that good to firm).

3.10 FENHAM NOVICES CHASE

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I CEIO CORCET into Del 4th deserve in 11 number Caterick monce chase (2m, good to firm) with FIVE 10 SEVEN (7th better of thickers but when tell late. Introporting 1 FLOWANG RIVER 13 3rd of 10 to 12 to 18 to 18

3.40 MELTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,253: 3m) (18 nunners)

(\$2.253: 3m) (\$8 numers)

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Lake's retirement ends career of massive potential

THE sport of football rarely justifies its overblown hyperbole. Paul Lake announced news yesterday that, for once, deserved the pathos it inevita-bly generated. Lake, 27, has decided to end a painful struggle that has occupied him for the best part of six years. and retire from football. It is a sad loss to a game in need of the refreshing honesty that typified the Manchester City midfield player.

Lake had an immense talent comparative novice, to the verge of the England team. A debilitating cruciate ligament injury cut him down just at the stage when he seemed likely to emerge as a player of genuine international pedigree.

The fateful moment came

on September 27, 1990. Since then Lake has endured 15 operations and countless false dawns in a brave attempt to return to the game that, he tearfully admitted yesterday, he loves. As 1996 dawned he finally gave up the unequal struggle against constant biting pain and ultimately

Howard Kendall, the manager of Manchester City at the time of the initial injury, received the news yesterday by

TERRY VENABLES will

launch England's prepara-tions for the European

gathering his squad for train-

ing in the next six weeks. The England coach, without a

match until Bulgaria play at

Wembley on March 27, is in

no mood to waste time with

the finals a little more than

be held at England's regular

headquarters at Bisham Ab-

bey, near Marlow, with be-

tween 20 and 22 players likely

to be asked to report on

They will work together up until the Thursday.

ionship finals by twice

Aston Villa: a ruptured cruci-

my wife, my family and my close friends, this would have been over a long time ago. "I'd also like to thank all the staff at the club, and all the wonderful fans who have given me so much support. People might say I have been very unlucky, but to have played over 100 games for this great club has been a priviege." A composed player, Lake possesses a strength of spirit that saw him through years of struggle that would have defeated lesser men.

His last hope came in early ican specialist, Dom Sisto, to a ligament transplant. Sisto has performed the same operation on many American football players, and boasted a 100 per cent success rate. Lake was to prove, sadly, his only

Lake said: "The specialist in America was great, but he warned me that he couldn't January 25, with Venables asking any players involved in the West Ham v gurantee anything because perhaps by that stage too much damage had been done. I trained over the Christmas Manchester United match in the FA Carling Premiership on the Monday to report period, and with the pain that I was getting it was logical to say enough is enough and it's However, he expects to lose some candidates to Coca-Cola Cup replays that will be held time to get on with the rest of

The former England Underwill switch to the Midlands 21 and 8 player hopes now to retrain in football as a physioand Aston Villa's training therapist. Manchester City ground near The Belfry, a will give him a testimonial match — those who saw his similar-sized squad assembling on Monday, February Dramuse as will wish him well.



Jones, pictured at his Edgeley Park ground, believes Stockport County can pull off an FA Cup surprise. Photograph: Brian Williamson.

Jones warms to Goodison Park mission

David Maddock on the former Everton player who is looking forward to a dream day for Stockport County

dreads. Slightly ragged, bloodshot, weary eyes: it is the look of a man who has had enough ... hours ago. We are sitting in his office and he is discussing, yet again, his former club, Everton.

Jones is the manager of Stockport County, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club, and his delight - indeed, incredulity - can be imagined when they were drawn to face Everton in the FA Cup third round. He is a born-and-bred Evertonian, and played more than 100 games for the club. He still lives on Merseyside, and his family is split down the middie between red and blue.

It is, he believes, Stockport's biggest game for 30 years, and because of his connections be is a natural focus for attention. After a week of build-up,

with Liverpool as a kid but jumped at the chance when I was offered a move to Goodison," he explained. "Now everyone wants to know about it. I understand publicity for Stockport, but it's not really about me now, is it?

lt's about the players."

Jones is a football enthusiast, the bedrock on which the lower leagues are built and a man who typifies why some saw it as immoral for the first division clubs to attempt to conderna their less powerful partners to oblivion by breaking up the league. Jones has a passion about the game, and a passion for Stockport County.

to a draw by non-league Altrincham in the Cup — that 'I've been asked if I really says everything." think we can cause an upset at Jones is a senuine man, and

telligently, the state of the game. It is better, he argued, than many critics suggest. His own side proved that when they performed admirably at Aston Villa in the Coca-Cola Cup, before going down 2-0. It would be a terrible mis-

clubs were forced to go partthe bus on Sunday," he said.
"We are a club which is time, because they are the lifeblood of the game, and simply planning for the future. We would not survive. The probhave a decent stadium, sound lem for Jones, and every other finances and good players. We are aiming for the first manager outside the FA Carling Premiership, even for division, and we should be some within it, is that the gapcapable of an upset. When I was at Everton, we were beld

Inevitably, though, the conversation returns to Everton. He was a player there in the late Seventies, and played inthe League Cup final against "I still love Everton. I was there is anyone who doesn't conviction. He discusses, in- two replays, that was nothing morning."

though, compared with the FA Cup semi-final defeat by the dreaded Liverpool. . . "Bryan Hamilton scored what should have been the winner, but a terrible reserve-ing decision denied us. People ask me how long I felt sick afterwards. How long since

that game?, 19 years — well I've felt pig sick for 19 years." Jones joined Coventry City soon after for what was then a handsome fee of £260,000. An England career beckoned after under 23 appearances, and the suggestion, from Don Revie, of a call-up into the senior squad. A knee injury put paid to if all. But he is not

there will not be too much emotion on the return. "I don't want to look back," he said, "although I suppose I'm a bit unset aiready — I can't play

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Shiel commits himself to Leicester

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY union's burgeoning transfer market, which has tended towards Newcastle and London so far this season, drifted into the Midlands yesterday when Leicester, the league champions of England. announced their first signifi-

cant capture of the open era from Melrose, the new Scottish champions.

Graham Shiel, 25 and capped 15 times by Scotland, has registered with Leicester. and Tony Russ, the director of rugby at Welford Road, said: "We look forward to playing him next season. He'll be a great addition to our squad."

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Shiel, who played against Leicester for the Barbarians last month, will offer badlyneeded quality in the Leicester midfield, but their success represents a further blow for Meirose, who are already resigned to losing Doddie Weir to Newcastle and may start to wonder whether they can hang on to Craig Chal-mers, the Scotland stand-off half. He has been connected with various English clubs and, if he believes that Mel-BUY A BLOOMSBURY

> ing up, may be tempted to renew overtures elsewhere. Meanwhile, Cardiff will field an unchanged XV in the Heineken Cup final against Toulouse at the Arms Park on Sunday. Their match squad of 22 includes 17 internationals, of whom Jonathan Davies and Nigel Walker are among the

rose's successful XV is break-

The Welsh Rugby Union has confirmed the appointment of Terry Cobner to the new post of director of rugby, based at Cardiff Institute of Higher Education. Cobner, who won 19 cans for Wales at flanker hetween 1974 and 1978 and was the most influential forward on the 1977 British isles tour of New Zealand, will leave his teaching post at Oundle next month.

to be hosted by Wales, and puts him at the head of an expanding empire that in-cludes Kevin Bowring, the national coach. David Clark, the national fitness adviser. and five development officers - Jonathan Davies, Jonathan Humphreys. Derwyn Jones, Justin Thomas and Gareth Thomas - all of whom play or played international rugby.

Wasps have successfully appealed to the Rugby Football Union to have their rearranged Courage Clubs Championstip match against West Hartlepool on January 13 postponed as Lawrence Dallagilo and Damian Hopley will be on England duty. CARDIFF, MiRayer S Ford, MiRas, MiRaso, S HM, A Davies, A Moore, A Lewis, J Humphreys L. Minche E. Lewis, J Wakeford Dilanes O Williams, H Taylor

Sport For Television Group Ltd

A REPORT (January I) on the decision of the British Cycling Federation to appoint its own team to organise the 1996 World Track Championships after failing to agree terms with Sport for Television Group Ltd was inaccurate in

Superdrome Ltd. It was this company which withdrew from uneconomic track meetings last year, at all times in accordance with its contractual agreements with BCF Promotions Ltd. Sport for Tele-vision Group Ltd is in a sound

some respects.

Sport for Television Ltd has apologise for any embarrasschanged its name once only, to ment caused to that company.

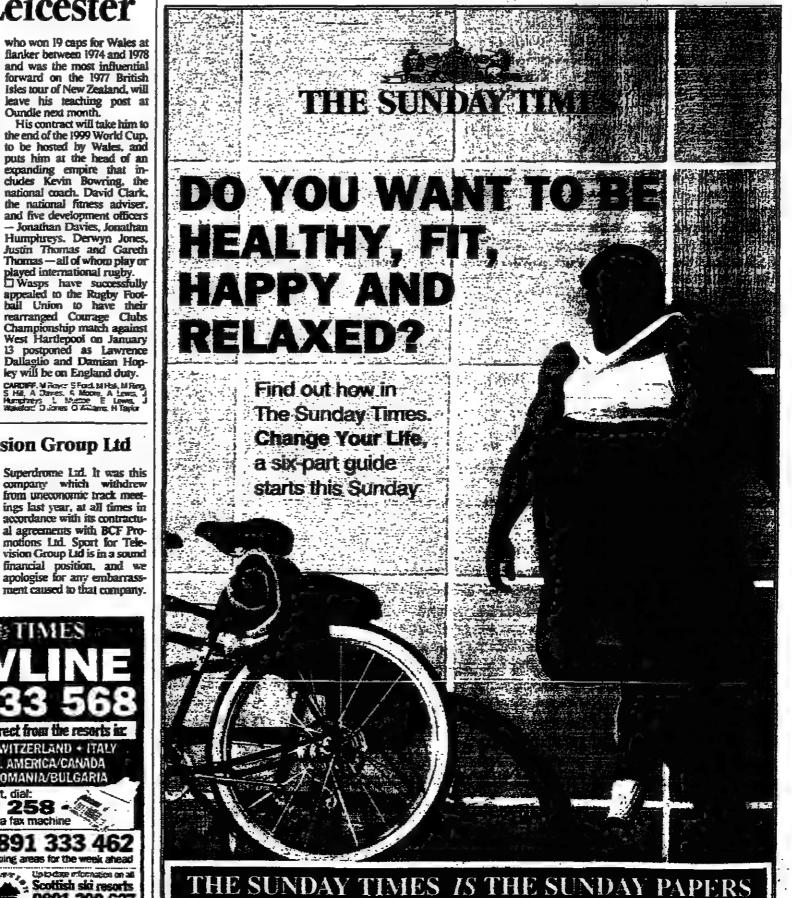


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stage had lost the chance to witness a player of truly great potential. "It is not just Manchester City's loss it is England's as well, because he would have been captain of his country for years," he said. "He was one of the greatest talents of his generation." Lake was injured against

ate ligament was discovered. Several operations followed. and the Manchester-born player returned to first-team action after two seasons, full of hope. It was a short-lived optimism. In only his second game back, against Middlesbrough on August 19, 1992, he with the same injury. For



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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAUL GASCOIGNE'S booking for showing the yellow card to the referee during Rangers' 7-0 victory over Hibernian in a Bell's Scottish League premier division match last Saturday will stay against his name.

Spotting that Dougle Smith, the referee had dropped his yellow card. Gascoigne booked himself for missing a chance shortly before halftime. Gascoigne had supporters in stitches as he showed himself the card and waved it in the air as he returned it to

the official. There is no right of appeal for Rangers, and the Scottish Football Association (SFA) would not confirm whether Smith will be reprimanded over his decision to book Gascoigne. It is understood that Smith, in his report,



Gascoigne no reprieve

accused the Rangers player of "ungentlemanly conduct".

An SFA spokesman said: There is no right of appeal against a caution or a sendingoff so the booking stands. It will carry one disciplinary point for the player."

Gascoigne has already served a one-march suspension in Scotland for going over the 16-point disciplinary threshold and received a separate one-manch ban for his involvement in the incidents in the match against Aberdeen in November.

The next time he goes over 16 points he will be banned for a further two matches. Only if he fails to reach 16 points over the rest of the season will he escape a ban. Gascoigne was screw also booked by Les Mottram, games," Gough said.

the referee, in the derby with Celtic at Parkhead on Wednesday for a lunging tackle on Tosh McKinlay.

Smith, meanwhile, must wait to hear the SFA's reaction to his humourless display. Officials are still awaiting the referee supervisor's report from the Ibrox match. Jim Farry, the SFA chief executive. said: "We customarily look at the performances of referees through supervisors reports and the referees exectuive committee

"Over the course of a season, an official can expect to be informed of any praise, constructive criticism or criticism which is raised by supervi-sors. Referees are like anyone else and have good and bad periods but it would be premature to say anything else in

The SFA has already downgraded George McGuire this season for failing to act on an incident at Ibrox involving Alan Lawrence, of Hearts, and Craig Moore, of Rangers.

Gascoigne has another date with authority next Thursday, when the control and disciplinary committee of Uefa, the European governing body, will discuss his red card for two bookings against Borussia Dortmund in the Champions' League on De-

Campbell Ogilvie, the Rangers secretary and director, said: "He will receive a one-match automatic ban and then we have to wait and see if that is added to."

Meanwhile, Richard Gough, the Rangers captain, urged his team to press ahead for the title after the 0-0 draw with Celtic, who have two matches in hand but trail by ight points.
"If we carry on putting the

points on the board that will go a long way to keeping us right for another year," Gough said. Rangers have won the title

for the past seven seasons and are in hot pursuit of the coveted nine-in-a-row record that was set by Celtic under Jock Stein between 1966 and

"We have the advantage and now we must turn the



Rotheroe supplies driving force

BENEATH his Oxford blue woolly hat, and enveloped in a thick sweater. Charlie Rotheroe looked much like any other young competitor in the President's Putter at Rye yesterday. He wore plusfours, had a caddie and often thrust his hands deep into his pockets to protect them from the biting east wind.

When Rotheroe addressed the ball, he looked so comfortable and correct that it was clear he was a cut above the average golfer. And when he took a driver for his second shot into the strong wind on the 437-yard 3rd, and hit a low, raking shot that reached the putting surface, it became clear that Rotheroe was, indeed, quite a golfer. He has a handicap of plus

one at The Berkshire and last year played golf for Oxford as well as squash and real termis — while doing a oneyear degree course in econom- four former winners to be

By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Grandmaster Tony Miles re-

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Premier tournament and in

the sixth round he defeated

grandmaster Matthew Sadler, the British champion, in a

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Miles's challenge

John Hopkins sees four former winners beaten on the first day of this year's President's Putter

ics and political theory. "Charlie's a class player," Steve Seman, his caddie and winner of the Putter in 1994, said. Seman should know. He and Rotheroe had an agreement that the moment one was beaten he would caddie for the other.

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"We had hoped we would meet in the third round." Rotheroe said. "We know each other quite well and were both rather looking forward to it. I don't know what Steve was playing at this

What Seman was playing at was three-putting. He did so six times en route to a comprehensive defeat. He was one of

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Hastings Challengers

After seven rounds of the

Hastings Challengers tourna-

ment, grandmaster Mark Hebden leads with six points

ahead of Graeme Buckley on

512. In the seventh round,

Buckley defeated Luke

McShane, who has 412 points.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on

chess Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

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defeated on the first day. Rotheroe had the advantage of a walkover against John Littlewood in the morning and then drew away from Nick Burke, a member at Rye,

to win in the afternoon. Rotheroe's second shot on the 3rd was only one of a number that underlined his ability. At the 12th, he hit his driver from the fairway and used the same club for his second shot to the 13th. Hitting a driver from tight lies takes both skill and con-

it was no big deal to Rotheroe bowever. I lent my three wood to James Martin-Jenkins at funchtime." he said. "I knew I wouldn't need unsatisfactory win."

it in the afternoon. I prefer to use my driver from the fair-

way, anyway."
In his previous 47 consecutive appearances in this event, Peter Gracey, who is 74, has rarely had such an unfortunate and unusual ending to one of his matches.

Gracey lost the 11th at Littlestone to Antony Goodrich but won the match when Goodrich conceded because he was in too much pain to continue. "He has got a bad back and had hurt it on the 4th." Gracey said. "At the 11th. he collapsed on the green and for what seemed an age he couldn't move. Then we walked very slowly to the sheds and he rested there while I got a greenkeeper to

come out and help him in. "He sank a whisky-Mac in the bar and after that he seemed a little better. All in all, though, it was

Stewart in market for a mixture of

youth and experience

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

SPECULATION about the identity of the drivers to be employed by the new Stewart Grand Prix motor racing team in its inaugural season next year began in earnest vesterday when the team's existence was officially confirmed amid the corporate splendour of Ford's world headquarters.

Paul Siewart, the son of Jackie Siewart and the managing director of the new team, said that, ideally, he wanted one experienced driver and one 'young lion', preferably one from the "staircase of talent" the Paul Stewart Racing team established in the lower formulas.
The favourites for the junior

position will be Jan Magnussen, of Denmark, who is a McLaren test driver. Gil de Ferran, the IndyCar World Series rookie of the year, and Dario Franchitti, who impressed in the German touring car championship last

Of the established drivers, David Coulthard was part of that "staircase of talent" and is highly regarded by Stewart Sr. the chairman of the team, but he will be in the middle of a two-year contract with McLaren-Mercedes at the start of the 1997 season. Other candidates include Nigel Mansell and Mark Blundell. Mansell has driven for Ford before and as its five-year commitment to Stewart is tikely to cost about £200 million it might feel inclined to go out on a limb for the former

world champion. Approval for the Stewart venture came from the highest of authorities. "I am very happy with the news concerning the continuation of Jackie Stewart's 31-year relationship with the Ford motor company," Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association,

"I know that Jackie will conduct his race team in the same professional way that he did as three-times world drivers champion and in his contacts with the numerous international companies that he is involved with on a worldwide basis. I would like to wish him the success I know he will achieve."

☐ Peugeot yesterday parted company with Jean-Pierre Jabouille, the former grand prix driver, who developed a Formula One engine for French car company.

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IN BRIEF

O'Sullivan shows signs of return to top form

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN and Ken Doherty, who are trying to reassert themselves after low-key starts to the snooker season, registered welcome victories to reach the quarterfinals of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in Birmingham yesterday.

O'Sullivan approached his fluent best during a 5-2 win over David Roe; Doherty ground out a 5-3 victory over Dennis Taylor in a match that lasted three hours.

☐ Karen Corr. the women's world champion, reached the fourth qualifying round of the Embassy world champion-ship yesterday when she beat Mario Wehrmann, of Holland, 5-0. Corr compiled a break of 77 in the fifth frame.

Croatia in final

Tennis: Croatia secured their place in the final of the Hopman Cup team tourna-ment in Perth, Western Australia, thanks to a typically powerful performance from Goran Ivanisevic. Ivanisevic overcame food poisoning to beat Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, 6-4, 6-3 for the victory that guaranteed Croatia a place in the final, even though they lost the match 2-1. The will face Germany, the defending champions, or Switzerland, who meet today, in the final tomorrow.

Sinner Saints

Rugby league: St Helens face a Rugby Football League inquiry this morning when they will be asked to explain why they fielded a weakened team against Wigan on Boxing Day. St Helens lost 58-4, but with a virtual reserve side. Neil Cowie, the Wigan prop. was last night ruled out of the Regal Trophy semi-final against Leeds at Central Park tomorrow after receiving a one-match ban and £200 fine for being sent off for punching in that match.

January Sales

Cricket: England Under-19s continued their impressive tour form by taking command of their three-day match against Zimbabwe Šchools in Harare yesterday. After dismissing the home side for 75 in their first innings, England A replied with 197 for five by the close, with David Sales, of Northamptonshire (74), and Noel Gie, of Nottinghamshire wicket.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN DRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This refresher is about the 'unusual two no-trump". What would you bid on this hand if your right-hand opponent (RHO) opened One Heart?

♥KJ53 + A Q 4

You have the strength for an opening 2 NT. However, it is normal to double on this type of hand and then rebid 2 NT over a minor suit response. That shows a hand of about this strength — I mentioned it in the refresher column a couple of months ago. That means that the imme-

diate 2 NT can be employed for other types of hand. The usual treatment is to use it to show length (at least 5-5) in the lowest two unbid suits. For example, over a One Heart or One Spade opening by RHO, these hands are suitable for a 2 NT overcall:

44 +KQJ98 +QJ10832 QJ6432 +KQ1087

By the way, what would you do if your parmer responds Three Clubs to your 2 NT and RHO bids Four Spades? I hope you would pass. It is another example of a theme I have mentioned several times before. If your partner knows roughly your hand type but you know nothing of his, leave the decision to him. The

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strength of the unusual 2 NT is quite wide-ranging in terms of high cards, but the suits should have a degree of solidity. For example:

44 +AQ643 +K8543 This is not suitable for a 2 NT

overcall of One Heart by RHO. Often, when you overcall 2 NT, your partner will not have four-card support. It would not be much fun for your partner playing this hand if he has, say, Jxx of diamonds and 9x of clubs. Better is to pass and back in with 2 NT if they fade out in two of a major. Also, bear in mind that overcalling 2 NT gives away information if the opposition play the hand.

Notice that I said "two lowest unbid suits". That means 2 NT shows the minors over a major suit opening; over One Club, it means hearts and diamonds; over One Diamond, it means hearts and clubs.

For example, advocates of the unusual 2NT would bid 2 NT over One Diamond with:

◆AQ10942

Most of the time, however, if you are 5-5 in hearts and clubs. it is better to overcall One Heart; with six hearts, always One Heart.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Will be the second

RUPTUARY

a. A rebel

c. A pleb

b. A divorce

FABIFORM

b. Carpentering

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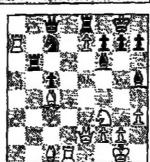
a. Slender

By Philip Howard

AND BARNERS.

By Raymond Keene

White to move. This position is from the game Chandler - Olaf-sson. Hastings Premier, 1990. White has advanced his e-pawn into the heart of the black position. He now found a neat tactical sequence to coploit the strength of this pawn and score a quick win-What did he play?



FOR THE RECORD BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Portland 114 Boston 110 Orlando 121 Toronto 110; Chicago 100 Houston 86. Milwoulee 96 Detros 82. San Antonio 111 Utah 97. Golden Saae 122 Philadelphia 111, Indiana 110 LA Cippers 94. BINTERNATIONAL MATCH: Denmark 74. England 75 (in Copanhagan).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 90 Doncesser 93.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Uker stanbul 74 Irakis Salonka 65 CRICKET

WANGANUI. New Zasland (trins day of three) New Zasland President's XI 111 and 212 (L. Howel 51. B. Strang 6-39) Zimbelweinen 172 and 134 (G. Power 8e, S. Carisei 30. G. Allon 3-27) Zimbelweinen wordes won by seven wickes. HARARE: Tour match (first day of times) Zimbalowe Schoolt 75 (Campell 3-12, Hutchroon 3-18), England Under-19 197-5 (D. Sales 74, N. Ge 50)

DARTS

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FOOTBALL Wednesday's late results

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FIXTURES

RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Chempionship Shelfield v Bradlord (7 (5) RUGBY UNION Wales v Scotland (Bridgend, 6:30)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cartifl v Ram

SPEED SKATING: Brivish

v Barnsky
FA CARLSBERG VASE: Third round,
second replay: Furness 5 Raunds Town 2
UNIVET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First UNILET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Hailsham 1 Peacehaven and Telecombe 1, Stance 4 Crowborough 1 FA YOUTH CUP. Third round: Boldmers St M 0 Manchester City 3 Postponed: Crystal Patace v Bristol City. SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Under-18 Trophy: Suitols 3 Essex 5 FA Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Middlesox 4 Sussex 5

Middlesox 4 Sussex 5
PRENCH LEAGUE, Montpellier 1 Meiz 2
Super Cup: Pairs Sant-German 2 Names 2
(PSG won 6-5 on pens).
SPANSH LEAGUE, Compostela 1 Sporting Gight 0, Plays Vallecano 4 Menda 1
Real Onedo 0 Deportuo La Coruña 2, Real
Modnot 4 Real Valladolid 1, Real Bets 0
Cella Vigo 3, Solamanda 1 Allerico Madnd
3, Albaceta 3 Real Sociedad 5, Alment
Esbao 1 Real Zaragoza 0

GOLF

RYE: Oxford and Cambridge President's Putter. Pints round: 8 Ho Chapman (C) by W H D Moore (C) 1 Hole, R P Lawson (C) by J Chene (C) 4 and 3, W J Lizelii (O) by R W Evers (C) 3 and 2; A R F Perion (O) by R R Hughes (C) 3 and 2; A R F Perion (O) by R R Hughes (C) 3 and 2; A R F Perion (O) by R R Hughes (C) 3 and 2; A P Sharey (C) by R F Pairner (C) 5 and 5; J R H F Pairner (C) by R F Brown (C) 6 and 5; J L Hampel (D) by J B L Webster (C) 6 and 5; J R Gillum (C) who E G Hursi (O) sor; C R Hames (C) by R G Streather (O) 3 and 2; C D Meapher (C) by R O Cely (C) 2 and 1, N J Gran (C) by W P Cooper (C) 4 and 3, J N Davie (C) by S M Patrine (C) 1 and 3, J N Davie (C) by S M Patrine (C) 1 and 3, J N Davie (C) by S M Patrine (C) 1 and 3, J N Davie (C) by S M Patrine (C) 1 and 2 and 3, J N Davie (C) by S M Patrine (C) 1 and 3 and 2 by Warden (C) by S M Patrine (C) 1 and 3 and 2 by Warden (C) by S S Seman (D) 2 and 1, M M Williamson (C) by J S J R Happer (C) 4 and 3 R C P Section (O) who I A Mmstage (D) sor; M Yases (D) by D Rowkey-Jones (C) 3 and 2; C J Rotheros (O) by J N Littlewood (C) sor; M Yases (D) by D Rowkey-Jones (C) 3 and 2; Sr Michael Willord (C) by Who V N J Wood (O) sor; R J Bason (O) by J N Littlewood (C) sor; N J Burke (D) by C by R W Krebing (C) 1 hole, J T A Matrin-Jonians (C) by T F Gardiner-Hill (O) 1 and 3, T J Embor (O) and 3, T J Embor (O) by T A Matrin-Jonians (C) by T P F Gardiner-Hill (O) 5 and 4 R F O Guest-Gornall (O) by D H Garron (O) and 3, T J Emdge (O) by C A Discover (C) and 1, A J Burner (O) and 3, N Patriner (C) by T A Brown (C) by T J Hanson (C) 10 and 3, N Patriner (O) by T J Hanson (C) 10 and 3, N Patriner (O) by T J Hanson (C) 10 and 3, N Patriner (O) by T J Hanson (C) 10 and 3, N Patriner (O) by T J Hanson (C) 10 and 3, N Patriner (O) by T J Hanson (C) 10 and 3, N Patriner (O) by A Discover (C) and 1, A J Burner (O) by D Shaw (O) by A Discover (O) and 3, N Patriner (O) by A Propoll (C) by A Discover (C) and 1, A J Burner (O) by D Shaw (O) by A Discover (O) 5 and 4 A A Go C Adrinch B

RUGBY UNION Merry (C) 4 and 3, M.M. Williamreson (C) bt R.J. Marin (C) 1 hole, R.C.P. Seddom (O) bt M. Yattes (D) 3 and 2, C.J. Romeroe (O) bt M.J. Stetlon (O) 3 and 2, C.J. Romeroe (O) bt M.J. Sketlon (O) 1 hole, R.P. J. Basson (O) bt Ser Michael Willord (C) 5 and 4, J.T.A. Martin-Jenkins (C) bt A.W.J. Holmas (C) 1 hole, R.P. O. Guest-Scomall (O) bt S.G. Momer (O) 5 and 4, T.E. Tew (O) bt D.C. Taylor (C) 1 hole, M.P. J. Bonney (C) bt A.J. Burnet (O) 5 and 5, T.P. Graw (C) bt A.J. Burnet (O) 5 and 5, T.P. Graw (C) bt A.J. Burnet (O) 5 and 2, T.P. Hudson (C) bt P.J. Barry (O) 3 and 2, C.J. Date (C) bt S.D. Biss (C) 3 and 2, J.B. Wildt (O) bt S.A. Sharpe (O) 4 and 3, W.H. Banclay (C) with R.J. Rinaldi (O) sort, E.J. C.D. Dunn (C) with D.A. Tatte (O) sort, D.E. F. Sammons (C) bt P. Hwister (C) 1 hole, D.E. Bornet (C) w/o M.S.P. Benka (O) sort, D.E. F. Sammons (C) bt J. B. Wildt (C) to J.D. Wildt (C) 1 and 3 w.H. P. Caperil (C) w/o M.S.P. Benka (O) sort, D.E. Bornet (C) w/o M.S.P. Benka (O) sort, D.E. Bornet (C) bt J.D. Wildt (C) 1 and 3 w.H. P. Coperstok (O) bt C.E. Travers (C) 3 and 2; R.W. Devin (O) bt J.R. Manduranan (O) 7 and 8; P.J. Bashurst (C) bt J.R. Payner (O) 1 hole, A.J. Murzey (C) bt A.S. McCollum (O) 8 and 7; D.J. Youngmen (O) bt J.R. HOCKEY WOMEN'S MATCH: Saracens 8 Spein 18

SNOOKER

BERMINGHAM: Liverpool Victoria Charny Chellenge: First round: W Thome (Eng) bt A McManus (Scot) 5-3, K Doheny (he) bt D Taytor (N tre) 5-3

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ADELAIDE: Australian men's hardcourt championship: Second round: B Black (Zm) bi J Novak (Cz) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, H Holm (Swe) bi J Ranzanbrink (Ger) 7-5, 7-6 DOHA: Men's tournament: Second round: A Vonea (Rom) bt N hulli (Swei 7-6, 6-4, M Larsson (Swei bt J Tarango (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, P horda (Cz) bt M Such (Gen) 6-3,

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OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world chemponshi (Lakeside Courtry Club, Frimley Green) SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria Charley Challenge (International Conference Cerare, Birmingham)

Triumvirate on verge of new dynasty



Oliver Holt travels to Chicago to watch the three men pulling the strings for the latest Dream Team

green hair and a pierced scrotum. Then, there is a softly spoken man who wears bookish glasses off the court and plays down his achievements. And, finally, there is the greatest basketball player the world has seen. logether, they have this city in their thrall. Chicago Bulls supporters thought they had seen it all before but their new "Dream Team" is turning this season into something special. heading for a place in the record books as the best hasketball team ever.

When the Bulls demolished the defending National Basketball Association (NBA) champions, Houston Rockets, at the cavernous United Center on Wednesday night in front of their 402nd consecutive sell-out crowd, even the most cautious abandoned their doubts. The Bulls have won 26 games this season and lost only three, better than they have ever been at the

same stage and firmly on course to establish themselves as the first team to score more than 70 victories in the 82-game year.

Rodman The strange one, Dennis Rodman, show on who used to date Madonna and has stated his desire to the road' play his last NBA

'It's the

Dennis

ked", performed like a man with elastic in his arms. His speciality is rebounding, or retrieving missed shots before the opponents can, and in this skill he is beyond compare. Against the Rockets, he got 15 rebounds, more than twice anyone else's tally. He has his navel pierced, too, by the way, and his body is covered with

The quiet one, Scottle Pippen, who has taken over the leadership of the team and is in his prìme, had a bad night. He let others blame it on the "jinx" of having been awarded the NBA's player-ofthe-month award for December and then lapsed into selfdeprecation. "It always happens," Pippen said, "You get an award and then you

The great one, His Airness Michael Jordan. was simply sublime. He scored 38 points, almost double anyone else's tally, consolidating his lead at the top of the table of the league's leading scorers this season. Those who said he could never be the same after his 18-month dalliance with minor league baseball are slowly but surely having their

Suddenly, the melodramatic

ne is a rebel with lime cartoon shown as pre-game entertainment - a bull charging through the streets of Chicago, making statues of lions shrink in terror and trains stop as it charges towards the arena - seems apt. In style, charisma and maturity, this team has the potential to outdo the side Jordan led to three successive NBA titles between 1991 and 1993.

Jordan held court in the crowded Bulls locker-room after the game, happy with the 100-86 victory over a team that included Hakeem Olajuwon. who had taken over his mantle as the league's best player in his absence, confident that new conquests are around the

Without a doubt, we have the potential to be better than our previous championship-winning teams," Jordan said. There is still a long way to go and the team that won those three titles was together for a long period of time. In that team, we knew everybody's

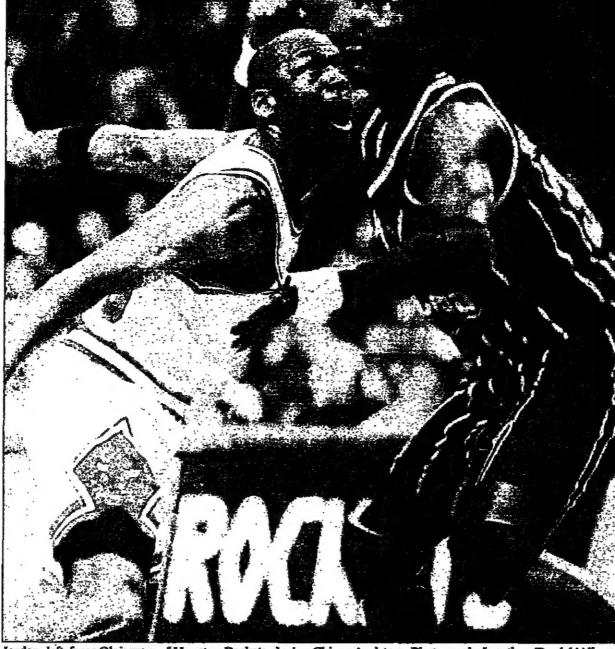
moves and we had a good rhythm and continuity. With this team, it is a bit more like search and find. We are still getting to know each other. But we have

been able to sustain our form so far and when we well we have still found a way to win. I am surprised in a way that we

have started so well but I think we have earned it. We have played well enough to be where we are and we are going to get better. As far as my game goes, I am happy to be where I am right now. I feel my game is coming back. I feel really comfortable with it." While he was talking, Rod-

man loped past, floopy tartan hat hiding his hair, and slouched his way towards his car. He did not give any interviews but then he did not really need to. His thoughts on life and basketball, together with nude pictures of him and his girlfriend, are given plenty space in the American edition of Playboy this month. He is also on the front cover of which bills its talk with him as, "Dennis Rodman on Sex,

God and Hoops". Although part of the notorious "Bad Boy" Detroit Pistons early in his career, and who head-butted the San Antonio Spurs' cuddly mascot in his fraught years in Texas, Rodman does not play the rebel on the court. He tucked his shirt into his shorts, he ran after the ball to hand it to the referee after he had thrown it away in



مكذاءن الأصل

Jordan, left, faces Olajuwon, of Houston Rockets, during Chicago's victory. Photograph: Jonathan Daniel/Alisport

the simple realisation that, even though parts of this country fester in appalling violence and poverty, its ultraconservative residents, and particularly its sports enthusiasts, can still be shocked by something as innocuous as an athlete dying his hair and talking about homosexuality.

n this vein, he is about to

release a book called, As

Bad as I Want to Re. "You know Madonna's book. Sex." extreme. Like nothing you have ever seen an athlete do. I'm gonna dress like a woman and walk down the main street of Las Vegas. Right in front of the Mirage." He is also planning his own talk show, to be called The Denise Rodman Show, in which he will interview his guests in drag.

Behind all this, though, he, too, is a brilliant player. He has won the league's rebounding title for the past four years

success this year to his

signing.
There is nothing the league can say to Dennis Rodman because I make them too much money," he said. "I bring too much excitement to the game. Michael Jordan used to do that but now it's the Dennis Rodman show on the road waiting for you. The Dennis Rodman system is to go out there and kick somebody's ass. That's the way his rule, that's my rule."

So far, everything is working to his rule, too. Rodman gets the biggest cheers and nobody really seems to mind. Jordan is a more humble man. now, happy to spread the credit; Pippen is at last getting the recognition he deserves. The omens are good. It is cold in the Windy City this January as the snow blows in off Lake Michigan but inside the United Center, the Bulls are



The success of the Bulls this season has been attributed to the signing of the extroverted Rodman, right

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American swimming | Operation puts paid to divided by drugs case

JESSICA FOSCHI, the New York high school student who returned a positive steroid test last year and has hired a leading lawyer to protest her innocence and contest her punishment, has broken a

Foschi, 15, one of the three leading freestyle distance swimmers in the United States, has told Swimming World Magazine: "I have never knowingly taken a steroid or any other banned substance. Not once, not ever."

States Swimming (USS) voted 2-1 in favour of placing Foschi on a two-year probation. Bill Stapleton, a lawyer and for-Sterkel. also a former Olympi-

wanted to impose a two-year suspension in accordance with international swimming rules. Carol Zaleski, for USS, will seek to overrule the USS review board decision, in favour of the stiffer penalty of suspension, at a hearing on January 20-21. "How can we

call for ever-tougher penalties

and then, when it comes to one

of our own swimmers, go soft?" she said. Foschi's family is determined to fight the case for as long as it takes to clear the swimmer's name, and the authorities fear that her case could turn into the sport's equivalent of the Reynolds and Krabbe cases in athletics.

WORD-WATCHING

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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COURTYARDS, OVERLOOKING THE Answers from page 33 XANTHOPSIA

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SIMON PARKE, the Yorkan, agreed on probation, but Jerry Olson, a USS official, shireman who led England to their first world team squash

Parke's title hopes

championship in Cairo last November, will miss the QM national championships next week after an emergency ap-pendectomy on New Year's Day, and Anthony Hill. of Australia, has been sidelined by official sanction.

Seeded third behind Peter Nicol, of Scotland, and Def Harris, of Essex, Parke, 23, had targeted the title as a central element of his campaign to succeed Peter Marshall as the leading British player. "I suffered increasing stomach pain through Christmas and eventually I had to admit it was not from overcating." Parke said yesterday.

Hill, 26, who was involved in a head-butting incident with Mir Zaman Gul, of Pakistan, in the British Open two years ago — a feud resurrected with the same player in the world team semiimals last year. - was this week fined £1,400 and banned for three months by the Professional Squash Association (PSA) for unsportsmanlike conduct" in the world open championship in Nicosia.

Hill, who is ranked No 8 in the world, is already facing further action from the PSA over his conduct in the Qatar international tournament and from the World Squash Federation over his aggressive tactics against Gul.

XANTHOPSIA (b) An ophthalmic condition in which everything appears yellow. From	(cm) Conditions Runs to (Spm) Last L U Piste OW/p resort "C snow
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whole, as in "a fleet of 50 sail". I doubt you should say "a fleet of 50 bottoms". "I know that you have always wanted to join the Merchant Navy, son; but swear to me that you will never resort to octoonry."	Soil 25 60 good vaned open sun 2 31/12 (Very good sking throughout the Ski-Well area) FRANCE
RUPTUARY	Alpe of Huez 65 220 good varied good fair 4 2/1 (Very good slong in all the main areas, excellent snow)
(c) A commoner or plebeian. One of the rare words that rhymes with voluptudry. "I am so glad that you are in the accountancy game now.	Les Arcs 40 185 good powder good fine 4 3/1 (Superb sking continues, especially above 1,900 metres)
Caroline, It always seemed to me that you were cut out for ruptuary work."	Tignes 90 135 good powder good fine -2 2/1 (Excellent sking under surnly skies in all areas)
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(c) Shaped like a bean. From the Latin faba the broad bean • forma a shape. "And I would like you to meet Hereward and Tracey and their	SWITZERLAND
children Tim and Warda. In the village we refer to them as the Fabiliann Four."	C Montana 20 120 tair varied latr sun 2 2/1 (Good piete sking but lowest runs worn in places)
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80 110 good varied worn line -1 2/1 (Hard-packed snow last skiing still good, worn low down)

Old rules for young ears

My Father Said to Me. Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.

The autobiographer, Edward Blishen, plus a cast of unidentified "voices", recall some dos and don'ts that their parents inflicted on them in childhood. There was, for example, the eleventh commandment "Do not say "Eh?" — "Eh' is what horses eat!" His father told him not to "slink around" in the street with girls. At 75, he ruefully admits that he would not have been any good as a slinker. His mother effectively smalled out any intellectual pretensions that he might have harboured by telling him not to think too much because it would damage his brain. One of his "voices" remembers his father instructing him to treat all girlfriends as he would his sister. "But I never had a sister!" he chuckles impishly, many decades later.

Composer of the Week: Elgar. Radio 3, noon

One of Elgar's best-known, best-loved works and one of his least-known feature in the last of Penny Gore's selections from his vast output. There is little I can usefully say about the Cello Concerto. It has all been, and usually well, said. The performance we hear today is not the famous recording with Jacqueline du Prè and the London Symphony Orchestra under Barbirolli, but Julian Lloyd Webber's with the Royal Philharmonic under Menuhin. The unfamiliar Elgar is the part-song Zut! Zut! Zut! It is not a musical impression of an angry bee but a song with a march rhythm, performed by the once-renowned Morriston Orpheus male choir.

Peter Davalle

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9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Schuber

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Musical Encounthins, with
Chris Winas, Piazzola (Four
Tango Etudes); Haydin
(Symphony No 47 in G);
Ockegherr (Alme Redemotoris Mater); Britten (Seven
Sonnets of Michelangelo);
Mozart (Fantasia in C minor);
Schumerm (Piano Quartet in

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Correposer of the Week,
Egar, presented by Penny
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Youth Suite No 2, Cello
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1.00pm News 1.05 St Devid's
Hall Recital. Contemporary
Music Ensemble of Wales.
Istvan Lang (Rhymes for flute
and piano); Gyorgy Kurtag
(Homage to Robert
Schumann for clarinet, viola
and piano); Bartók (Contrests
for viola, clarient and piano);
Balassa. (Kenlai)
2.00 Irine Arthipora, mezzo, ilya
kary, piano, perform songs
by Firmsky-Korsakov, in a

(5/5) 8.59 Weather 9.00-10.00, 11.00-4.00pm Test Match Special (LT) only. South Ance v England, fifth

1994 recital at the Wigmore Helt, London

community in Clerkenwell Road, London, to hear their story and their "songs of Zion" 4.30 Brazil. Jo Shinner meets a versatile guitarist on the first leg of a musical journey around Brazil 5.00 The Music Machine on the

tuture of racio
5.15 Feirest Isle Songbook, Iain
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5.30 A Land Without Nitualo?
Andrew Motion concludes his survey of Englishmess in English music and poetry. Music by Lambert, Welton, Bitss, Bridge, Rewethome, Britter, Tippetr, Ferneyhough, Saber, Dankworth, Maxwell Davies and Martland (r)

7.30 Sinfonie 21 under Mertyn Brabbins purioar Mertyn Brabbins purioar Mertyn Casken (Darting the Skiff); Lutoslawski (Paroles Tissees); Purcell, arr Britten (fi music be the food of love; There's not a Swain; Sweeter Then Roses); Beethoven, arr Bernstein (String Quartet)

(String Quarter)
9.30 Cultural Baggage. The Bible

9.30 Cultural Baggage. The Bible (5/20)
9.50 Hear and Now. Sareh Walker Introduces a percussion concert by Ensemble Besh 12.00-1.00am Sekt, Smoke, Sattre. Robert Zegler on the songs of the troubadours and trouverse, the artiscadents of modern cabaret.

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00-News, Incl Weather 6.10 Ferrming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.30, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Harvest of the Cold Months (5/5) 8.59 Weather

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Tim Mariow raviews Anima Inn Majory Sweens Apera Crackers, Luise Miller and Peter Pan Luise Miller and Peter Pan Family Feelings. I Dan't Want to Know written and read by Deborah Moggach 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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9.45 Lettere from Ireland (FM only). The journalist and author Bruce Amold considers the quality of lish writers and writing (5/6) 16.30 Newes; thy Fettrer Said to life (FM only). See Choice 10.00-15.30 No

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Jones MB. The following are on FM only until 4pm. 10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Sarah Dunent 11.30 The Natural History

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12.00 News, You and Yours
12.25per The Food Programms
12.56 Westher
1.00 The World at One (FM, LW)
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.56
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2.00 News The Classic Series:
The Berchester Chronicles:
The Warden, With Alec;
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5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News 6.30 Goling Places 7.00 News 7.05 The Arctions 7.20 Pick of the Week 8.05 Any Questions? John Humphrys chains a topical discussion in Bracknet, Berkshire, With Robin Cook, MP Shadow Foreign

Berkshire. With Robin Cook, MP, Shedow Foreign Secretary; Lady Howe, Chair of the Broadcasting Standards Council, Sir Charles Powel, former adviser to Margaret Theather, and Judge Stephen Turnim, formerly Chief Inspector of Prisons

8.50 Those Caté Days. Caté culture in Egypt

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9.15 Letter from America

9.30 Kaleidescope Feature.

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Joseph O'Cornor meets
young writers in Dublin (r)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedlime: The
Harpole Report, by J.L. Carr

11.00 Week Ending. A satirical news review
11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Big Banda, Big Landers
Last in the series
12.00 Mess, incl 12.27sm Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Mes
Smithe's Feeting for Snow.
Final part of Pater Hoeg's
tmiller. 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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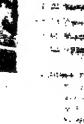




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Guilt, convictions and errors of judgment T is hard to dislike a man who looks exactly like Mike McShane. However, when he drinking glasses of water through is a Mississippi dentist who appstraws (to avoid lip-prints?). Meanears as a dodgy expert witness at while the languishing Tony ("Innocent") Keko pushed his cuffed wrists pathetically through bars: his girlfriend wiped her mascara

> tice with tears in his startled eyes. Impartiality is evidently not a requirement of film-makers, especially where bad law is the subject. By the end of Traces of Guilt, the viewer had been encouraged to regard Keko as the Arthur Fowler of the 18th state and West as a dangerous loose cannon. West dislikes the expression "reasonable medical certainty" adopted by more cautious colleagues. He prefers to say he is absolutely sure. When we learnt that, despite suspension and expulsion from professional bodies. West still testifies at murder trials, I suspect

and vowed to stand by her man:

well, four big men arguing around we were meant to hurl bricks. a small table at a convention. Clearly the American legal sys-Clearly the American legal system must make a decision about the admissibility of blue-light evidence. But it was blatantly unfair to end the programme with the bald, loaded statement that at West's latest court appearance "the accused man was found guilty and his defence lawyer spoke of injuscondemned to death". Was West's evidence the only cause of this verdict? Trial by television is the phrase that springs to mind.

> Then experts disagree. however, you also get The Vet (8BC1), which proves the old adage about silver linings. Each time I have seen The Vet (which returned last night for a second series), the plot has turned on a professional error of judgment, so when last night's story had an early shot of that sincere little vet-bloke leaning his hunky forearms on a gate and assuring Suzanne Burden, "He's a good vet,

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Jen, take my word for it," all seemed right with the world. "It wasn't a question of right and wrong, Walter," the little ver-bloke then assured an older, taller vetbloke. "It was a difference of opinion, that's all." But more errors of judgment ensued (a horse reared in traffic; a girl knocked her bonce) and the little vet-bloke was puzzled. "He's too good a vet. Jen."

changes when you watch something with a value system as simple as The Vers. All I want today is for someone to phone up and say. "You're a bloody good vet, Lynne, don't ever forget that". The happy result of the plot last night was that Jennifer (Burden) and the little vet-bloke (Richard Hawley) were both vindicated as good vets; but the suspected old, bad vet, played with considerable dignity by Frederick Treves, was also proved to be a good vet, after all. Blame resided in an unscrupulous horse dealer. Vet despite his vindication. Treves decided to retire from vetting. Not knowing wheth-

was proving a strain. The appeal of The Vet is mysterious when at its heart are two short, sanctimonious people who never make mistakes. Yet one continues to watch, somehow - perhaps because, as they scramble energet-

er he was a good vet or a bad vet

high ground, they occasionally boot each other in the face.

tinally, while errors of judgment are in the air, we turn to Gerald Ratner on last to Gerald Ratner on last night's My Brilliant Career (BBC2) - the Man who Made the Expensive Joke about Cheap Crap. Where Traces of Guilt wanted its viewers to finish the programme pointing the shaky finger of blame at Dr West. My Brilliant Career had the opposite intention. The viewer was expected to start the programme gleefully pointing at Ramer and shouting "Ha ha, you big oaf". Then, as the story unfolded of Ratner's enormous success in the jewellery business, the finger would droop, go limp and embarrassed, and finally be chewed in the mouth.

My Brilliant Career is the same idea as Radio 4's On the Ropes the downfall and humiliation of

businessmen as public entertain-ment, like King Lear with spondulicks. Ratner's story works well as tragedy because his own personality was his undoing arrogance, obstinacy and an endearing openness combined to make his fortune and also to destroy it. On camera now, his wariness came over as petulance; and in snooker-room scenes alongside his large hald father, he looked almost patheric.

And he has the right to feel sore. After he made the famous "crup" joke - which was quite funny customers not only stopped buying from Ratners: they actually brought things back. In a night of questionable judgments, this was surely the most extraordinary of all, "Oo-er, this is real crap, this!" people cried aloud, apparently as they looked at their Ratners crystal decanter set, and then at the price tag (£4.99), and saw it in a completely new light.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (65747) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (92336414)

9.05 Kilroy (7255704) 10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4398619)

10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6574940)

12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (6610921) 12.05pm Pebble Mill Special: Doris Day. Another chance to see Gloria Hunniford's interview with Doris Day at her home in Carmel (r) (s) (9868327) 12.50 Regional News and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News (Cealax) and weather (99105) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64622308)

3.05 Timekeepers (s) (5082037)
3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (5870853) 3.55 Look Sharpi (2300360) 4.10 The All New Popeye Show (8423327) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (Caefax) (s) (2170259) 4.35 The Mask (1/2)

4.55 Newsround Extra (Ceelax) (6376650)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceelax)(s) (995211) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (969)

he is allowed to accompany the force on the investigation. The police have no choice but to comply and seasoned plainclothes detective Nick McKenna is given the job of being the boy's "partner". Directed by Henry Winkler (s) (10360)

8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and lan Botham captain two learns of sporting celebrities answering questions put to them by David Coleman (Ceetax) (s) (6679)

9.30 FILM: Backdraft (1991) With Kurt Russell and William Baldwin. A visually powerful drame about two firelighting brothers who light a long-running leud as often as they do the suspicious fires breaking out all over town. Directed by Ron Howard (Ceelax) (94512211)



11,40 Annie Lennox... in the Park. The now solo six years — her previous outings had been as one of the Eurythmics — recorded live last September in Central Park, New York (s) (676227)

12.40am FILM: Midnight Feer (1991) with August West and David Carradine. A teenage girl's vacation at a country tarm is ruined, first by a seemingly harmless lellow student who hopes to seduce her, and then by a pair of violent strangers wanted by the police. Directed by Bill Crain (2469341)

2.05 Weather (2895506)

7.00am Breakfast News (Signing) (6671327) 7.15 Lassie (r) (3795105) 7.40 Stone Protectors (r) (7842360) 8.05 The Really Wild Show (r) (Ceefax)

BBC2

8.35 FiLM: Tall in the Saddle (1944, b/w) staming John Wayne A misogynist arrives at a ranch to take a foreman's job and discovers his bosses are women. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (6776414)

10.00 Playdays (6573211) 10.25 FILM: Condemned Women (1938, b/w) starring Sally Eilers and Louis Hayward. Women's prison melodrama, directed by Lew Landers (5003259)

11.40 The Fugitive (b/w) (Ceefax) (1958766) 12.30pm Working Lunch (15056) 1.00 William's Wish Wellingtons (73636105) 1.05 Johnson And Friends (r) (28477853)

1.15 FILM: Windom's Way (1957) starring Peter Finch A doctor acts as retuctant mediator in a dispute between Malayan workers and the owners of a plantation. Directed by Ronald Neame (29111259) 3.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather, followed by Sport On Friday: the tirst quarter-final of the World Professional Darts Championship. Including at 3.55 News and weather (780143)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w), (Ceefax) (997230) 6.25 The New Avengers. Cult special agent adventures. (Ceetax) (347037)

7.15 (Ceetax) (s) (630679) 8.00 Top Gear Motoraport. Tony Mason reports on rallying's Race of Champions. (Ceelax) (9) (8414)



Helen Yemm (front) and gardeners (8.30pm)

8.30 Gardening from Scratch: Down to Earth and Potting Up. (Ceetax) (s)

9.00 Rab C Nesbitt. The Glaswegian 9.30 The Fast Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (95292)

10.00 The Real McCoy. The sketch show featuring some of the best of Britain's 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (975540)

11.15 Fantasy Football Lesgue (148230) 11.45 Weather (832853) 11.50 1996 World Professional Darts Championship

12.50am FILM: The Double Life of Veronique (1991) An enchanting film about two women whose lives are mextricably intertwined Starting Irene Jacob and Haline Gryglaszewska. Directed by Krzysztof Kleslowski In Polish with English subtitles (729235).

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CHOICE

Cybill

Channel 4, 9.00pm When Cybill Shepherd turns up in a sit-com playing a fortysomething actress called Cybill with children from two broken marriages, the temptation for the viewer to confuse life and fiction is irresistible. The real Cybill matches the essentials of her character so closely that comparisons are inevitable. But for closely that comparisons are inevitable. But for Shepherd, who is also the joint producer, the show is about proving that there is life after 40. It is hardly a placid life, what with the former husbands turning up at bad moments, one daughter kicking over the traces and the other about to underline Cybill's advancing years by making her a grandmother. Although the volley of one-liners might suggest otherwise, this is a show which often noses down to the empirical bone. show which often goes down to the emotional hone.

Gardening From Scratch BBC2, 8_30pm

Gay Search, the sensible and self-effacing guide on many a gardening programme, turns producer for a new series which gets back to basics. It features three gardens, each in a pretty poor state and with owners who hardly know one end of a spade from the other. The advice is delivered in language the least green-fingered can readily understand and helpfully repeated in caption form. With Search behind the camera the anchorwoman's job goes to Helen Yemm, an unfamiliar face. Forthright in tone. Yemm is somebody you do not mess with, If she thinks the lawn is best torn up and replaced with gravel, it would take a bold soul to argue and none of the rookie gardeners featured here is inclined to do so.



Gittlen Kearney as the heroine, Emily (ITV, 9.00pm)

Catherine Cookson's The Tide of Life TTV, 9.00pm

The small screen resumes its love-affair with the Cookson canon to present another tale of period heartbreak from Geordie country. When the story opens Queen Victoria is a few months dead but Victorian melodrama is never far away. Our heroine is Emily (Gillian Kearney), a young woman to whom life has not been kind. Dad is away at sea, sister Lucy is lodger. Emily escapes into the arms of a well-heeled widower, but, as you may guess, her happiness is short-lived. The appeal of Cookson is that while she deals with hard lives and tough times, the result is never depressing. There is always light from somewhere, even if it takes a while to shine through.

ITV, 8_10pm

When a robber tried to snatch the collection after morning service at a Coventry church, he reckaned without an unlikely have a go hero. The Rev Brian Regan met violence with violence and marched the man out of the building. "Jesus never told us we had to be wet fish," comments the combative cleric. The incident was captured on a security camera, as were the other episodes included in this anthology of video footage hosted by Selina Scott. Although the show affects the serious purpose of involving viewers in the fight against crime, it has its fun moments. A 70-yearold woman who told her insurance company she was bedridden is shown carrying not only a mattress but

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV News, views and sport (2131124) 9.25 Win, Lose Or Draw (s) (4684018) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (6550360) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place (5) (1231056) 10.35 This Morning 1575727661

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (6616105) 12.30 FTN News and weather (Telelext) (6920327)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6905018) 1.25 Chain Letters Word game (Telefed) (32357563) 1.55 Shortland Street (64610563) 2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show (s) (18323211) 2.50 High Road (Teletext) (4867037)

3.20 ITN News headines (Teletext) (2502211) 3.25 London Today (Telejexi) (2501582)

3.30 NEW Rosie and Jim Bestselling children's author John Cunfifte lets a story to explain things to children using paper cut-out dolls. Rosie and Jim. (2316921)

3.45 Pluto (2311476) 4.00 Zzzapi (2145563) 4.15 Bimble's Bucket (s) (9017984)

Gladiators: Train To Win. Learn to be healthy and fighting fit with the Gladiators. (Teletext) (7047143)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale (Teletext) (6480292) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (41 1834) 6.00 Home and Away (r), (Teletext) (991056) 6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (166259)

7.00 Family Fortunes This week the Tayler family from Burpham play the Smallman family from Macclesfield (Teletext) (s) (6292)

7.30 Coronation Street. Rita cannot bring herself to attend baby Daniel's tirst birthday (Telefeld) (501) 8.00 The Bill: Runners Up. There is a prize on offer for anyone who can catch a very slippery burglar (Teletext) (5940)



Selfna Scott introduces real dramas (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE Eye Spy (s) (1747)

9.00 CHUICE Catherine Cookson's The Tide of Life. (Talele #) (s) (3056) 10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (75940) Followed by 10.30 London Tonight (Teletect)

10,40 Lady Boss (2/2) Concluding a drama based on a book about Hollywood by Jackie Collins (Teletext)

(91138489) 12.30 Hotel Babylon. Dani Behr presents guests Sadie Frost and Liv Tyler with music from Therapy? and Naughty By Nature, plus an Interview with Michelle Plaitfer (9698964)

1.10 NEW The Good Sex Guide Late Margi Clarke presents comedy, interviews and advice (2797902)

2.10am The Chart Show (s) (6345167)

3.05 Dear Nick (r) (3917709) 4,00 Jones and Jury (18063148) 4.25 Night Shift (17070631) 4.35 Not Fade Away (r) (2973438)

5.30 ITN Morning News (62625) Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank (r) (s) (5211389) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (12056) 9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (69389)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit (r) (Televat) (s) (3725476) 9.45 FILM: Dinner at Eight (1933, b/w) With Jean Harlow, Wallace Beery, John Barrymore, Lionel Barrymore and Billie Burke. Life stories are told in flashback as guests dine. Directed by George Cukor (61813230)

11.50 Blind Man's Bluff Animation (4263563)

12.00 Living Memory. The 1940s for the Gloucestershire Pickemetis (72853)

12.30pm Sesame Street (91679) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (69245) 2.00 A Perfect Moment. Short film in which a man fries

to find the exact moment to propose (86112679). 2.20 FiLM: Green for Danger (1946) starring Alastair Sim A policeman investigates a series of mystenous deaths in a hospital during the Second World War Directed by Sidney Gilliat (45930B)

4.00 Backdata, Presented by Valerie Singleton (Teleis 4) (230) 4.30 Countdown (Teletad) (5) (414) 5.00 Rich Pickings. How illegal groups of workers help to till supermarkets' fruit and vegetable shelves (i).

(Teleta.d) (3105) 6.00 Biossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (679)

6.30 Moviewatch (r) (Teletext) (s) (259)

7.00 Channel 4 News Includes a report by Nick Glass on how important art exhibitons are mounted. (Teletext) Weather (284414)

7.55 Book Choice Artemis Cooper reviews Julian Barnes's Cross Channel (594747) 8.00 Garden Club Special. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Will Boulby travel to the French equivalent of the Chelsea Flower Show — the Journées des Plantes. (Teletext) (s) (3582)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (9389)



Cybili Shepherd in a new sit-com (9.00pm)

9.00 CROCE Cybill. (Teletext) (s) (3327)

9.30 Rising Damp When an attractive lodger moves into Rigsby's boarding house he begins to wash her windows three times a week (r) (Teletext) (80360)

10.00 NEW Roseanne, in this first episode of the new senes of working-class American comedy, Roseanne and Jackie throw a "baby shower" when they discover they can't afford to buy anything for the newborn babe. (Telelext) (s)

10.30 Phobophilia American comedy-illusionists Penn and Taller try to make their audience laugh, scream, and tremble in this one-hour special (2532853).

11.35 FILM: Cold Feet (1989) staming Keith Carradine Sally Kirkland, Tom Waits and Rip Torn. Three smalltime crooks fall out after smuggling emeralds into Dornheim (576211)

1.15am FILM: Laure (1944) staming Dana Andrews A detective investigates the murder of a woman but finds himself falling in love with the victim. Directed by Otto Preminger (391902) Ends at 2.55

SATELLITE



1.00pm Trans World Sport (5423051)

(2541056) 3.00 Getaway (8425124) 3.30-4.00 Boomurang (2546501)

4.00pm Weapons at War Combal Carnéta (1901476) 5.00 Mysteries of the Bible Massada — the Last Portress (E416476) 6.00-7.00 Biography Bob Hope (5379211)

1.00em Swamp Thing (7321970) 1.30 Ray Bradbury Theatie (8627954) 2.00-4.00 Altens from Another Plane: (5133070)

7.00am Angels (8438679) 7.30 Neighbours, (8440414) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (8991679) 8.30 EastEnders (8983650) 9.00 The But (8997230) 9.30 The Suthwars (7354562) 10.00 Bergerat (8446996) 11.00 Deltas (8428834) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (894766) 11.30 The Bit (7354969) 12.30 The Suthwars (61516495) 1.00 EnstEnders (8420650) 1.30 The Bit (7354969) 2.00 The Suthwars (61516495) 2.25 Are trou Barrig Served* (2736599) 3.00 Angels (2993672) 3.30 Eticarabo (1130018) 4.00 Casualty (35914389) 5.05 Larry Greyson's Generation Game (77814766) 8.15 Kenny's Corruc Cuts (8266382) 6.25 East-Enders (2969169) 7.00 Etidoredo (2885853) 7.30 Happy Ever Arer (1149766) 8.00 Top of 7.30 Happy Ever After (1149766) 8.00 Top of the Pops (4160853) 9.00 Widows (4157389) 10.00 The Bill (9195308) 10.35 Classic Sport (6597211) 11.35 Carroir Confidential (2370380) 12.20 mm Dr Who Underworld (4944235) 12.50 FILM The Interneunc Project (81154915) 2.20 Shooping

8.00em Strain's Crossing (38143) 8.30 Pugwall's Summer (23747) 7.00 Ready of Not (55854) 7.30 Caldonia Dreams (74969) 8.00 Sweet Valley (24766) 8.30 Tiny TCC (58127872) 12.35pm Tiny TCC (49144389) 2.30 Jan Henson's Ananal Show (2785) 3.00 Sonic (5143) 3.30 The New Pink Penins Show (7230) 4.00 Caldomia Divians (3037) 4.30-5.00 Syreet Valley High (2921)

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8.00am Henry's Cell (5832019) 6.15 Blue. Child of the Earth (141292) 6.45 Toucan Tea (9576211) 7.00 Battinh (7635292) 7.05 Germmy (6309766) 7.45 Nichloon Breaktast Feasi (1505969) 9.00 Anin (86563) 9.30 Pee-Write 10.00 Banona Sanotaton (95327) 11.00 Chiteren's 96C (75663) 12.00 Magic School Bus (39817) 12.30pm Grimmy (36898) 1.00 Global Guts (86679) 1.30 Victoraries (35969) 2.00 Chatter's BBC (63230) 2.00 Wild Side (9872) 3.30 Mighty Max (5476) 4.00 Fich (7211) 4.30 Flugrats (3495) 5.00 Sister Sister (8389) 5.30 Max Glick (4747) 8,00 Ren (4360) 8,30 Pela and Pela (8940) 7,00 The Odyssey (1853) 7,30-8,00 Are You Attact of the Dark** (4124)

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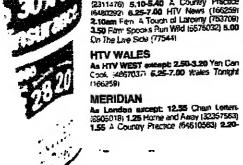
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murder trials, and declares himself on a mission from God "to fight this battle, win or lose", he may stop looking harmless. Michael H. West was the subject of last night's first Traces of Guilt (BBC2). His special forensic technique is to scan human flesh with a

blue light machine, locate invisible marks, and then draw incriminating conclusions about bite wounds. In the case of the convicted Tony Keko in Louisiana - now a forensic science landmark - Dr West's expert testimony appears to be the only evidence that con-demned Keko. But is his blue-light thing reliable?

A juicy start to a series about forensic science, then. In America, the forensic community was shown engaged in heated debate —

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FRIDAY JANUARY 5 1996

South Africa's day of triumph scarred by controversy and disciplinary action

England collapse proves final

IN CAPE TOWN

NEWLANDS (third day of five): South Africa beat Eng-land by ten wickets

IT ENDED in a rout, which was as misleading as the controversy that accompanied it. England, having competed on equal terms with South Africa for four inconclusive mes, were blown away inside three days of the decider, revisited by the batting inadequacies that have sabotaged four consecutive overseas

England collapses have long since lost their rarity and vesterday's was familiar in its awfulness. An hour into the afternoon they were rallying at 138 for four, 47 runs ahead. Fifty minutes later they were all out, the last six wickets having fallen for 19 runs in ten

Amid the decline lay an incident to sour the spirit in which this series has been played, a crucial run-out that was poorly umpired throughout and featured dissent and intimidation presenting the South Africa captain, Hansie Cronje, in an unhappy light. It resulted in Graham Thorpe's departure, for a positive and defiunt half-century, and with him went England's lingering

That South Africa's openers disdainfully picked off the 67 runs required for victory in barely an hour was no more than could be expected, for England were a broken reed. Their indignity was exemplified when Devon Malcolm, a hapless figure throughout this match, took up a text-book fielding position on the long-leg boundary and allowed the ball to run past his knee for

South Africa's victory, their first in a home series against England since 1931, was not undeserved. Even before this match, they had created winning positions in each of the two games not spoilt by the weather; England, by contrast, had not come within sight of a victory. But there was little enough between the teams for the margin here to be utterly unexpected.

It was England's third three-day Test defeat in little more than 12 months and, as in Melbourne in December of 1994 and at Edgbaston last



Adams, the bowler, leads appeals for a run-out against Thorpe, who thought he had survived when the umpire, Orchard, ruled in his favour

on a poor surface exposed frailties of technique and temperament. Here at Newlands, they could have no excuse. Winning the toss gave them a significant advantage and they spurned it by being bowled out inside five hours. Test matches are seldom won from such inept beginnings.

The admirable work of the bowlers — specifically of Dominic Cork and Peter Martin — redeemed a good deal and one can only speculate on the psychological impact of the last-wicket stand that extended South Africa's lead from 18 to 91. Perhaps the real key to the result was that Michael

player on either side, scored only ten runs in the match. It may say little for the rankand-file, but without their leader, England were doomed.

Two more wickets fell in the first half-hour yesterday. Stewart, whose technique is in need of overhaul, turned a short ball from Pollock inches wide of short leg and, to the next ball, wafted outside off stump, giving Cullinan catching practice at first slip. Then Fraser, the nightwatchman, having already survived two chances off Allan Donald. fended a lifting ball to back-ward short leg. It was not clear whether the ball had hit bat, glove or arm but Fraser

turned on his heel without waiting for a verdict.

The first crucial umpiring decision of the day had to be made an hour later, and it went against England, Thorps and Robin Smith had batted without inhibitions to add 44 ams. Pushing forward to the googly, he tucked his bat behind his pad, out of harm's way so he thought. But the appeal, as the ball turned and was taken by wicketkeeper Richardson, was immediately upheld by umpire Orchard, for whom this was not to be an

auspicious day. Graeme Hick, initially all at sea against Adams and Brian

McMillan, came out after England dressing-room was lunch a changed man. He punched a four and two doubtless contemplating a lead of something over 150 when Shaun Pollock returned against Donald to take England ahead and then drove to win the game.

Adams for two successive

straight sixes. There has been

little enough attractive batting

memorable interlude and the

sight of Cronje instantly drop-

ping out two deep fielders

encouraged the notion that England might be shedding

The pitch was not malicious.

merely variable in pace and

bounce, and once two players

of pedigree were established

on it, batting could look decep-

tively straightforward. The

their chains.

South Africa's future as Adams has been, took four wickets in his final spell but it was the first that was crucial. Hick, in full flow, was legbefore to one that kept uncomfortably low. It ended a stand worth 72, easily the best in either England innings, and all hope of further prolonged resistance was destroyed when Jack Russell, uncharacteristically loose, steered Pol-

lock to gully four balls later. Quite apart from its sundry implications, Thorpe's run-out was needless, for it was a risky single to short fine leg, where Hudson's pick-up and throw were immaculate. As has occurred so often when England collapse, nobody was now capable of arresting the slide. Warkinson was Arlame's fourth victim of the match and Cork and Martin were out to strokes of hopeless bravado.

Atherton was left to console and cajole his shattered players and to put a brave face on his own dismay. This was a series England believed they would win; but they simply were not good enough.



A side view shows Thorpe well out of his ground as Hudson's throw hits the stumps

Atherton blames inept batting for failure

FROM SIMON WILDE

MICHAEL ATHERTON was traught by England's eighth defeat in 11 overseas Test series yesterday. At the postmatch awards ceremony at Newlands he made a point of shaking the hands of his players and thanking them for their contributions, and said later he was happier with the general attitude and enthusi-

asm of the team than he had been in Australia last winter. "We did not play at our best but that sometimes happens," he said. "What we did do was save two Test matches we might well have lost. That gave us a chance to win the series coming into the last game and had we played anything like our best here. held our discipline together and one or two things had gone for us we might well have done so. I think the crux of this series has been that we did not hat consistently as a unit. Last summer we made runs down the order against

but our own failings." Atherton was also critical of Devon Malcolm's use of the second new ball on Wednesday, when South Africa's lastwicket pair, one of them the shared the highest stand of the match. There was a bowler who had bowled ten overs all day, was fresh, had got the new ball and a rabbit coming in at No II. You can draw your own conclusions. It completely changed the game."

Atherton conceded that South Africa's victory was deserved. There were periods in this match when we got on top but it was a fairly good stuffing," he said. "We did not deserve to win the series because we never got into a position to win." He agreed with Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, that the key player in the series was Brian McMillan, who gave South Africa the balance England lacked. With a tail-end collapse in each innings, it was England's worst batting per-

formance of the tour. Cronje praised Donald, the man of the match, for his wonderful bowling at New-lands, and then added: "Onenil was not a fair result. It could have been 2-0 or 3-0."

Replay abuse brings threat of anarchy

Alan Lee on an unsavoury incident with

disturbing ramifications for cricket

THE DANGERS inherent in cricket embracing television technology were exposed yesterday by the run-out of Graham Thorpe. The incident represented such a wholesale buse of the third-umpire system now employed throughout Test cricket that administrators must urgently re-examine its use. The alterative is a form of televisionled anarchy sure to erode the traditional spirit of the game. Dave Orchard, the umpire

concerned, originally ruled Thorpe in subsequently arriving at the correct decision South Africa players who knew, from crowd reaction, that he had failed to make his round. The crowd, or at least those of it close to a television, was alerted to this by the slowmotion replays that Orchard had decided he could manage

The issues involved here are many and varied. They include abysmally weak um-piring, from both Orchard and his colleague, the international panel member Steve Randell, who was acting as third official. Orchard, 47 and tanding in only his second Test, was negligent in first rejecting the available replay but Randell, when consulted at the height of the uproar, was misguided in encourag-

ing him to bow to pressure. e affair. The behaviour of Hansie Cronje, in hectoring the umpire and even, outrageously, pestering Thorpe to give himself out, differed only in theatrical impact from Viviintimidation of Lloyd Barker during the Barbados Test between West Indies and

England in 1990. The relevant international regulation states: "Players may not appeal to the umpire to use the replay system. Breach of this provision would constitute dissent and the player could be liable for discipline under the code of conduct." Last year, Brian Lara was suspended from a limited-overs international for such an offence, so Cronje

nate only to have been fined 50 per cent of his match fee (about £600). Clive Lloyd, the his mind under coercion

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However, the most significant of all the ramifications is that this was an instance of a dismissal - and a crucial one - being imposed on an unbeing imposed on an un-willing umpire by the ever more manipulative hand of television. Without TV re-plays, or even with ao sub-stantial crowd, Thorpe would not have been given out. This would have been an injustice. of course, but it would have been a decision taken by an umpire, in whom such power has always been invested, rather than one brought about by influences outside the running of the game.

Michael Atherton, the Eng-

land captain, has always been against the third-umpire system, preferring the ele-ment of human fallibility. His view did not alter in Australia last winter, when Darrell Hair twice refused to call for replays when England appealed — justifiably, as it transpired - for run-outs. His view is unlikely to have

Raymond Illingworth, the the system but believes this "Perhaps they should not be shown until the next ball has been bowled, unless the umnire asks for one. In this case, he had said "not out" twice, so think they should have howled the next half. Th was disappointed with the

way things were done." My own objections to the system had been eased by the many occasions on which borderline decisions have been referred, and thus ruled upon correctly. But it works only if the technology is used consistently and if, when it is not, players accept the ruling. Yesterday's episode was a case of the umpire's decision not being final, and for rea-sons that cricket must not regard with complacency.

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Dr -- , fictional sinister Total (68.1 overs, 278min) FALL OF WICKETS 1-0 2-24 3-58, 60, 5-103, 8-115, 7-141 2-147, 3-151

BOWLING, Donard 16-5-46-5, MctAt an 10-2-22-1 Pollock 14-6-26-2 Adoms 20-1-5-52-2, Karis 4-2-2-0, Crone 4-4-6-SOUTH AFRICA, First Innings 15 On the ship (6) 17 Soak for flavour, inculcate

G Kinsten e Atherton b Wattunson (157mzt, 99 balfs, 3 fours; A C Hudson few b Cork (11mm, 5 bolls) W J Cronge e Russell b Cork (35mm, 33 balls, 2 touts) D J Custnan e Russell b Martin The solution to 669 will be published Wednesday, January 10

D J Custman e Russel b Martin (205mm, 134 batts, 7 fours) J N Fitnotes o Russell b Fraser (295mm, 29 batts) B M McMitten run out (Corty) (50mm, 29 batts, 2 fours) J H Kellis they b Martin (96mm, 65 batts, 1 fours) J J H Kellis they b Martin (153mm, 98 batts, 5 fours) S M Pollock e Smith b Wattenson (18mm, 24 batts) A A Donald o Russell b Cork (14mm, 12 batts) P R Adams o Hick b Martin (67mm, 38 batts, 1 five, 3 fours) British (62 2th b) Total (101 overs, 459mint)

England won loss

ENGLAND First Immigs

*M A Atherton or Hudson b Donald
(25mm, 21 balls)

A J Stewart b McMillan
(76mm, 51 balls)

R A Smith b Adams
(243mm 179 balls 8 lours,
G P Thospe c McMillan b Donald
(47mm, 43 balls 3 lours)

G A Hick o McMillan b Donald
(3mm 3 balls)

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-19, 3-79, 4-126, 3-125, 3-144, 7-154, 8-163, 9-171 BOWLING Cork 25-6-60-3 Maschin 20-5-55-0 Masch 20-9-37-3, Passer 17-10-34-1, Wightnach 15-3-35-2 3-1 Water son 15-3-35-2
ENGLAND Second Image
'MA A Abreton of Ridson b Donald ... 10
(19 mm 15 calc 1 four)
A J Sawart o Cultinan b Policok
(20 mm 15 calc 1)
A R C Fraser o Adams b Donald 1
(35 mm 25 calc)
R A Smith o Rehardson b Adams 13
(55 mm 35 calc 1 four)
G P Those number in Hudson (59
(16 mm 156 ball of Just)
G A High Day B Polock ... 36
(35 mm 75 ball 2 calcs 4 fours) 13

(32mm, 73 cast 2 sizes, 4 fours tR C Russell a Hudson b Pollock

M Watterson tow & Adams M Maddisch I wie z Acams
(77cm 4 ba s)
D G Cork o Kallas b Polacek
(16cm, 2 bate 2 fours)
P J Martin o Adams b Polacek
(26cm 35 ba b)
D E Malcorin not out
(17cm 11 ba) o
Free No. 2 b 5 co. 5. Ertras @ 2, 55 15 5

Total (62.5 overs, 258mm) 157
FALL OF WICKETS 1-16 (Stewart 4), 2-22 Frace: 3-22 Smith Ct. 4-66 (Thorse 31, 5-138 Phorpe 59, 6-140 (Thorse 59, 1-1-0 (Waterson 0), 8-140 30WLNG: Denaid 18-6-9-2 inb 1; 12-3-40-2 6-2-9-0; Potock 15-5-4-32-5 inb 2-9-4-15-1, 5-5-3-17-4; Adams 22-8-53-2 (ore soon McMillan 7-3-16-0 into 3;

SOUTH AFRICA Second brings G Kirsten net out (62mm 48 balls 8 fours) A C Hudson not out (Comm. 47 bats, 5 forms) Extras (5 1, rb 1,

Errans (5 1, 10 1)

Total (C wid, 15 4 overs, 82mm)

BOMLING: Cerk 4-0-23-0 (rb) 1): Maccolar 2-0-12-0; Martin 4-2-3-0; Watthr swarer 4-4 Overs.

Matthr swarer 4-4 Overs.

Series award: Errand

Umpress: 5 5 Parroes (Aus) and D L

Critical SA; That compress: K E

Lobertor (15A) Matth referee: C H Lloyd

West Indees:

Construct by 50 Francia West Indies so I think it was due, not to the South Africans.